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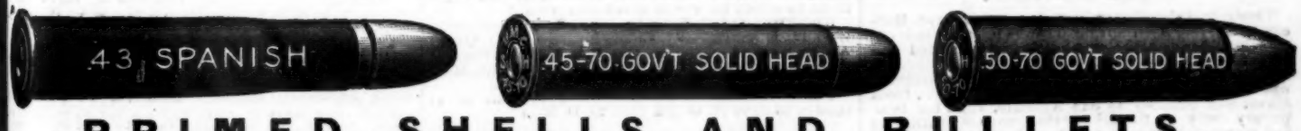

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G. O. 85, H. Q. A., Dec. 22, 1892.

By direction of the Secretary of War the following is published for the information of all concerned:

The agreement entered into by the Government of the United States of America and of the United Mexican States, as published in General Orders, No. 71, July 2, 1890, Headquarters of the Army, is renewed under the following terms:

The undersigned, duly authorized thereto by their respective Governments,

In view of the wish of the Government of the United States of America, manifested by its Honorable Secretary of State, under date of the 17th of the current month, through its Legation, to the Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, for a renewal of the agreement signed at Washington on the 25th of June, 1890, to allow federal troops of each of the two countries to cross over to the territory of the other in pursuit of savage hostile Indians, such renewal having become necessary by reason of the raids which, according to advices from the War Department of the United States, are being committed by some Apaches headed by the Indian called "KID" along the dividing line between Arizona and New Mexico, it being feared that they seek to evade pursuit made by troops of the United States by crossing the frontier of Mexico.

And, considering the understanding between the two interested Governments to avoid the continuation of the evils consequent upon the uprising of the said Indians is urgent.

They have agreed, in name and representation of their respective Governments, to renew the aforesaid agreement of June 25, 1890, of which a printed copy in English and Spanish is hereto attached, to the end that its effects may prevail for all such time as said uprising may last on the part of the Apache Indians led by the ringleader "KID," and the necessity may exist for their pursuit by an armed force, provided that, in no case, may the duration of the agreement thus hereby renewed be extended beyond one year from this date.

Done in two copies, signed and sealed in the city of Mexico, this twenty-fifth day of November, the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-two.

[SEAL.] C. A. DOUGHERTY.
[SEAL.] IGNO MARISCAL.

By command of Maj.-Gen. Schofield:
R. WILLIAMS, Adjt.-General.

G. O. 86, H. Q. A., Dec. 23, 1892.

Publishes the order of the Postmaster-General, fixing the rate of charges for telegraphic communications for the current fiscal year.

CORPS AND STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

Adjutant and Inspector Generals.

Maj. P. D. Vroom, Insp.-Gen. of the Department, will proceed to Camp Pena Colorado, Tex., and return, on public business (S. O. 137, Dec. 23, D. Texas.)

Lieut.-Col. George H. Burton, Insp.-Gen., now on leave, will repair to Washington, D. C., for temporary duty (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

Quartermasters and Subsistence Departments.

Leave for one month, to take effect at such time in January, 1893, as he can be spared, is granted Capt. Medad C. Martin, Asst. Q. M.; and Maj. William H. Bell, C. S., will take charge of Capt. Martin's office and duties at Denver, Colo., during the latter's absence on leave (S. O., Dec. 14, H. Q. A.)

Par. 14, S. O. 208, Sept. 3, 1892, H. Q. A., relating to Capt. John McE. Hyde, Asst. Q. M., is so amended as to direct Capt. Hyde, in addition to his duties as Post Q. M. at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., to take charge, under the instructions of the Q. M. General, of the construction of public buildings at that post (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.)

Capt. George E. Pond, Asst. Q. M., will proceed from Plattsburg, N. Y., to Washington, D. C., and report to the Q. M. General upon official business (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

Leave for 15 days is granted Capt. C. R. Barnett, Asst. Q. M. (S. O. 191, Dec. 29, D. Mo.)

Brig.-Gen. John P. Hawkins, Comy. Gen. Sub., is relieved from the duties devolving upon him as Chief C. S. Dept. of the East, to date from Dec. 27, and his journey from Governor's Island, N. Y., to Washington City, on the date named, to assume the duties of Comy. Gen. Sub., is approved (S. O., Dec. 14, H. Q. A.)

The resignation of Capt. Tasker H. Bliss, C. S., of his commission as 1st lieutenant 1st Artillery, only, has been accepted, to take effect Dec. 23 (S. O., Dec. 14, H. Q. A.)

Medical Department.

Two months' ordinary leave is granted Capt. Marcus E. Taylor, Asst. Surg., to take effect on the expiration of the extension of sick leave granted him (S. O., Dec. 14, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. James D. Glennan, Assistant Surgeon, upon his arrival at his station (Ft. Sill, O. T.), from leave, will proceed to San Antonio, Tex., for temporary duty in the field with troops operating on the Mexican border (S. O., Dec. 14, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Louis Brechemin, Asst. Surg., will, until further orders, report at the rendezvous in San Francisco, for examination of recruits presented by the recruiting officer (S. O. 129, Dec. 17, D. Cal.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. F. T. Meriwether, Asst. Surg., is extended 10 days (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, D. East.)

Col. J. C. Baily, Asst. Surg.-Gen., Medical Director of the Department, will proceed to Camp Pena Colorado, Tex., and return, on public business (S. O. 137, Dec. 23, D. Texas.)

1st Lieut. Benjamin L. Ten Eyck, Asst. Surg., is relieved from duty at Ft. Leavenworth, Kas., and will proceed to San Antonio, Tex., for duty with the troops now in the field (S. O., Dec. 24, H. Q. A.)

The leave granted Capt. Louis W. Crampton, Asst. Surg., is extended three months (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

The following enlisted men of the Hospital Corps, now awaiting orders at the posts designated after their respective names, are assigned to duty thereat: Hospl. Stwd. Joseph Dykstra, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; Pvt. Henry P. Wilmans, Ft. Sidney, Neb.; Pvt. Michael R. Conlon, Ft. Niobrara, Neb. (S. O., Dec. 22, H. Q. A.)

Pay Department.

The troops in the Dept of Arizona will be paid, to include the muster of Nov. 30, as follows: By Maj. George F. Robinson, Paymr., at Whipple Barracks, A. T., and troops detached from post (S. O. 162, Dec. 14, D. Ariz.)

The troops in the Dept. of Texas will be paid, to include the muster of Dec. 31, as follows: At Ft. Sam Houston, Camp at Eagle Pass, Ft. Clark, Camp Pena Colorado, Fts. Hancock and Bliss, Tex., by Col. C. M. Terrell, Depy. Paymr.-Gen. At Fts. McIntosh, Ringgold and Brown, Tex., and troops operating in the field on the lower Rio Grande, by Maj. C. C. Sniffen, Paymr. (S. O. 137, Dec. 23, D. Texas.)

Maj. George W. Baird, Paymr., will proceed at once to Salt Lake City, Utah Ty., for temporary duty in the Dept. of the Platte, reporting en route to the commanding general of that Department. When Maj. Baird's services can be dispensed with in the Dept. of the Platte the commanding general of that Department will order him to return to his station (S. O., Dec. 24, H. Q. A.)

Maj. George W. Baird, Paymr., will proceed at once to Salt Lake City, Utah, for temporary duty (S. O. 125, Dec. 24, D. Mo.)

Maj. William F. Tucker, Paymr., will proceed to Ft. Myer, Va.; Ft. McHenry, Md.; Washington Barracks, D. C., and Ft. Monroe, Va., and pay the troops at those stations to Dec. 31 (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Engineer and Ordnance Departments.

Capt. Charles S. Smith, O. D., will proceed from Washington, D. C., to Sandy Hook Proving Ground, Sandy Hook, N. J., on official business (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Capt. Ira MacNutt, O. D., will proceed from Bethlehem Iron Works, South Bethlehem, Pa., to Sandy Hook Proving Ground, Sandy Hook, N. J., on official business (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

THE LINE.

The Stations of Companies not mentioned here will be found by reference to last number of the JOURNAL.

1st Cavalry, Colonel Abraham K. Arnold.

Hdqrs., C, E, F, G, H and K, Ft. Grant; D, Ft. Apache, B and I, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; L,* Ft. Custer, Mont.; A, Ft. Myer, Va.—*Indian troop.

Leave for one month, to take effect about Dec. 25, is granted Major Henry Carroll, Fort Apache, A. T. (S. O. 165, Dec. 22, D. Ariz.)

2nd Cavalry, Colonel George G. Huntt.

Hdqrs., A, C, D, G, H, and L,* Ft. Wingate, N. M.; E and K, Ft. Huachuca, Ariz.; B and I, Ft. Bowie, Ariz.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—*Indian troop.

The order directing 1st Lieut. Curtis B. Hoppin to report to Col. Robert E. A. Crofton, 15th Inf., at Fort Sheridan, Ill., for examination as to his fitness for promotion, is revoked (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

Col. George G. Huntt is detailed as a member of the examining board convened at Whipple Barracks, A. T., vice Capt. Francis W. Mansfield, 11th Inf., relieved (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

3rd Cavalry, Colonel Anson Mills.

Hdqrs. A and G, Ft. McIntosh, Tex.; D and K, Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; E, Ft. Hancock, Tex.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; C and I, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; B, Ft. Brown, Tex.; H, Eagle Pass, Tex. L*, Fort Meade, S. D.—*Indian troop

Capt. G. K. Hunter and 2d Lieut. J. T. Conrad, Fort Sam Houston, Tex., will proceed to join their troop in the field (S. O. 135, Dec. 19, D. Tex.)

1st Lieut. T. R. Rivers will, on completion of transfer of public property at Camp Pena, Colo., proceed to Fort McIntosh, Tex., and report for duty with his troop (S. O. 136, Dec. 22, D. Tex.)

Capt. J. G. Bourke, now at San Antonio, will proceed at once to Washington, D. C., and report to the Major General Commanding the Army (S. O. 137, Dec. 23, D. Tex.)

The leave granted 2d Lieut. Michael M. McNamee is extended four days (S. O. 125, Dec. 24, D. Mo.)

5th Cavalry, Colonel James F. Wade.

Hdqrs., B, C, E, G, K, and L,* Ft. Reno, Okh. T.; D, and H, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A and F, Ft. Supply, Ind. T.; I, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.—*Indian troop.

Col. Wade, in a regimental order, announces the death at Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 12, of Capt. Robert London, recounts his efficient services, and says: "During his period of service he had won the confidence of his superiors—the respect and admiration of those with whom he was thrown in contact. An officer of marked ability, performing thoroughly and well every duty assigned him, Captain London was a man of sterling qualities, faithful as a friend, genial as a comrade and honorable as a man; his memory will ever be revered by the regiment to which he was so much endeared."

Leave for seven days, to take effect on or about Dec. 22, is granted 2d Lieut. Andrew G. C. Quay, A. D. C., Omaha, Neb. (S. O. 116, Dec. 19, D. Platte.)

Leave for one month is granted 2d Lieut. Matthew C. Butler, Jr. (S. O. 123, Dec. 21, D. Mo.)

The leave granted 1st Lieut. E. P. Andrus is extended 23 days (S. O. 124, Dec. 23, D. Mo.)

6th Cavalry, Colonel David S. Gordon.

Hdqrs., A, E, F, G, K and L,* Ft. Niobrara, Neb.; C and H Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; D and I, Fort Yellowstone, Wyo.; B, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.—*Indian troop.

7th Cavalry, Colonel James W. Forsyth.

Hdqrs., A, C,** D,** E, G,** H and I, Ft. Riley, Kas.; K and R, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.; F, Fort Myer, Va.; L,*, F*, Sill, Okh. T.—*Indian troop.—**On detached service in Dept. of Texas.

Capt. James M. Bell is detailed as a member of the examining board convened at Fort Myer, Va., vice Lieut.-Col. Guy V. Henry relieved (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

The ordinary leave granted Col. Guy V. Henry is changed to leave of absence on account of sickness, and is extended 20 days on account of sickness (S. O. 190, Dec. 28, D. East.)

8th Cavalry, Colonel Caleb H. Carlton.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, I, and K, Ft. Meade, S. D.; L,* Ft. Keogh, Mont.; F and G, Ft. Yates, N. D.; H, Ft. Myer, Va.—*Indian troop.

Leave for ten days is granted 1st Lieut. De Rosey C. Caboll, R. Q. M., Fort Meade, S. D. (S. O. 192, Dec. 17, D. Dak.).

9th Cavalry, Colonel James Biddle.

Hdqrs., A, D, E, F, G and I, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; B and H, Fort Du Chesne, Utah; C, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; K, Fort Myer, Va.

1st Lieut. Charles J. Stevens is relieved from duty as J. A. of the G. C. M. convened at Fort Logan, Colo., and 1st Lieut. George S. Young, 7th Inf., is detailed as J. A. of that court (S. O. 115, Dec. 16, D. Platte.)

1st Lieut. Charles J. Stevens is relieved from temporary duty at Fort Logan, Colo., and will proceed to his proper station at Fort Du Chesne, Utah (S. O. 115, Dec. 16, D. Platte.)

Leave for three months, with authority to visit Mexico, is granted Major James F. Randlett (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

1st Artillery, Colonel Loomis L. Langdon.

Hdqrs., A, G, I, and K,* Ft. Hamilton, N. Y. H.; C, D, and L, Ft. Wadsworth, N. Y. H.; E,* Ft. Sheridan, Ill. B, H, and M, Ft. Columbus, N. Y. H.; F, Ft. Monroe, Va.—*Light battery.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. James E. Runcie is extended one month (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

3rd Artillery, Colonel La Rhett L. Livingston.

Hdqrs., A, C,* E, H, K, and L, Washington Bks., D. C.; D, G, and I, Ft. McHenry, Md.; B and M, Ft. Monroe, Va.; F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.—*Light battery.

1st Lieuts. Henry C. Danes and Edward Davis will report in person to Lieut.-Col. Royall T. Frank, 2d Art., president of the examining board at Fort Monroe, Va., for examination by the board as to their fitness for promotion (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.)

The following changes of stations are ordered, to commence Jan. 15, 1893: Bat. A, from Washington Bks. to Fort Barrancas; Bat. G, from Fort McHenry to Fort Barrancas; Bat. H, from Washington Bks. to Key West Bks. (S. O. 188, Dec. 23, D. East.)

4th Artillery, Colonel Henry W. Closson.

Hdqrs., A, C, E, G, I, K, L and M, Ft. McPherson, Ga.; F, Ft. Riley, Kas.; H, Ft. Monroe, Va.; D, Ft. Barrancas, Fla. B,* Fort Adams, R. I.—*Light battery.

Sergt. Gustav Aronson, Bat. G, will be discharged Jan. 10, 1893, by the C. O. of Fort McPherson, Ga. (S. O. 189, Dec. 27, D. East.)

5th Artillery, Colonel William M. Graham.

Hdqrs., B, D,* F,* H, K, and L, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; M, Ft. Mason, Cal.; A and C, Ft. Canby, Wash.; E and I, Alcatraz Island, Cal.; G, Ft. Monroe, Va.—*Light battery

The extension of leave granted 2d Lieut. Edmund L. Zalinski is still further extended two months on account of sickness (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

1st Infantry, Colonel William R. Shafter.

Hdqrs., A, B, D, G, and H, Angel Island, Cal.; C, E and F, Benicia Bks., Cal.

Par. 2, Dec. 21, H. Q. A., granting Capt. Robert G. Armstrong four months' sick leave, is so amended as to grant him three months extension on account of sickness (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

2nd Infantry, Colonel John C. Bates.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, and I,* Ft. Omaha, Neb.—*Indian Company.

The leave granted Capt. Sidney E. Clark is extended two months on surgeon's certificate (S. O., Dec. 24, H. Q. A.)

3rd Infantry, Colonel Edwin C. Mason.

Hdqrs., A and H, Ft. Snelling, Minn.; B, Ft. Sully, S. D.—*Indian company.

4th Infantry, Colonel William P. Carlin.

Hdqrs., A, D, F, and H, Ft. Sherman, Idaho; B, E, G and I*, Ft Spokane, Wash.; C, Boise Barracks, Idaho.—*Indian company.

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, is granted 2d Lieut. Herman Hall (S. O. 193, Dec. 16, D. Col.)

5th Infantry, Colonel Nathan W. Osborne.

Hdqrs., D and E, St. Francis Bks., Fla.; B and H, Jackson Bks., La.; C and G, Mt. Vernon Bks., Ala.; A, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas. F, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

7th Infantry, Colonel Henry C. Merriam.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E and F, Ft. Logan, Colo.; G, Camp Pilot Butte, Wyo.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

8th Infantry, Colonel James J. Van Horn.

Hdqrs., A, E, and H, Ft. McKinney, Wyo.; C and D, Ft. Robinson, Neb.; F and I*, Ft. Washakie, Wyo.; B and G, Ft. Niobrara, Neb.—*Indian company.

Capt. Augustus W. Corliss is detailed as a member of the examining board convened at Fort Niobrara, Neb., vice Capt. Chas. Porter relieved (S. O., Dec. 24, H. Q. A.)

1st Lieut. Robert F. Ames will report in person to Col. David S. Gordon, 6th Cav., president of the examining board convened at Fort Niobrara, Neb., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., Dec. 24, H. Q. A.)

9th Infantry, Colonel Charles G. Bartlett.

Hdqrs., B, C, D, E, F and G, Madison Bks., N. Y.; H, Pittsburgh Bks.; A, Fort Ontario, N. Y.

Leave for one month, on surgeon's certificate, is granted 2d Lieut. Arthur W. Yates (S. O. 190, Dec. 28, D. East.)

10th Infantry, Colonel Edward P. Pearson.

Hdqrs. and B and D, Ft. Marcy, N. M.; A and F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.; C, San Diego Bks., Cal.; E and G, Ft. Stanton, N. M.; H, Ft. Wingate, N. M.; I,* Ft. Bowie, A. T.—*Indian company.

11th Infantry, Colonel Isaac D. DeRussy.

Hdqrs., A, C, D and G, Whipple Barracks, A. T.; B, and K, San Carlos, A. T.; F, H and I*, Fort Apache, A. T.—*Indian company.

13th Infantry, Colonel Montgomery Bryan.

Hdqrs., C, D, and G, Ft. Sill, Okh. T.; A, Fort Reno, I. T.; B, E and H, Ft. Supply, I. T.; F, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

The ordinary leave granted 2d Lieut. Jos. C. Fo[illegible] is changed to leave of absence on account of sickness (S. O., Dec. 22, H. Q. A.)

Lieut.-Col. Daingerfield Parker is relieved from duty at Fort Sill, O. T., and will proceed to Fort Supply, I. T., and assume command of that post (S. O. 123, Dec. 21, D. Mo.)

Capt. Philip H. Ellis is detailed as inspector of annuity goods at the Kiowa Agency, O. T., vice Capt. John B. Guthrie relieved (S. O. 124, Dec. 23, D. Mo.)

14th Infantry, Colonel Thomas M. Anderson.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, and G, Vancouver Bks. Wash.; F, Townsend, Wash.; H, Ft. Leavenworth, Kas.

15th Infantry, Colonel Robert E. A. Crofton.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sheridan, Ill.

Leave for 12 days, to take effect about Dec. 23, is granted 1st Lieut. James A. Maney, R. Q. M. (S. O. 123, Dec. 21, D. Mo.)

16th Infantry, Colonel Matthew M. Blunt.

Hdqrs., A, B C, D, E, F, G, H, and I*, Ft. Douglas, Utah. *Indian company.

1st Lieut. Wm. Lassiter, recruiting officer, Knoxville, Tenn., will visit the temporaary branch rendezvous at Greeneville, Tenn., Jan. 6 and 13, 1893, on duty in connection with the Recruiting Service (S. O. 289, Dec. 24, Rec. Ser.)

17th Infantry, Colonel John S. Poland.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H, Ft. D. A. Russell, Wyo.

1st Lieut. Wm. A. Mann, recruiting officer, Indianapolis, Ind., will proceed to Lafayette, Ind., and establish a temporary branch rendezvous at that place, and on completion of his duty will rejoin his station (S. O. 286, Dec. 21, Rec. Ser.)

18th Infantry, Colonel Henry M. Lazelle.

Hdqrs., A, B, C, D, G and H, Ft. Clark. Tex.; E, Ft. Ringgold, Tex.; F, Ft. Mcintosh, Tex.

Col. Lazelle, the regimental commander, regrets to announce that the term of service of 1st Lieut. W. T. Wood, as regimental quartermaster, expires, Dec. 21, by limitation of service. Lieut. Wood's abilities and fidelity to the public interest are well known to the regiment; but the regimental commander deems it his duty, and does not hesitate to express his unqualified opinion, that Lieut. Wood is the best quartermaster that he has ever seen in the service.

19th Infantry, Colonel Simon Snyder.

Hdqrs., A, E, G and H, Ft. Wayne, Mich.; B, D and F, Ft. Brady, Mich.; C, Ft. Mackinac, Mich.

Leave for 20 days, to take effect about Jan. 1, is granted Capt. Charles S. Witherell (S. O. 124, Dec. 23, D. Mo.)

So much of Par. 6, S. O. 109, c. s., D. Mo., as designates Capt. Jacob H. Smith to witness, inspect and report upon the instruction of the troops at Fort Wayne, Mich., for the drill season of the current year, is amended so as to direct Col. Simon Snyder to perform that duty (S. O. 124, Dec. 23, D. Mo.)

23rd Infantry, Colonel John J. Coppinger.

Hdqrs., A, C, E, F, G and H, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.; B and D, Ft. Bliss, Tex.

The leave for seven days granted 2d Lieut. J. E. Normoyle is extended seven days (S. O. 136, Dec. 22, D. Tex.)

24th Infantry, Colonel Zenas R. Bliss.

Hdqrs., D, E, F and G, Ft. Bayard, N. M.; A, B, C and H, Ft. Huachuca, A. T.

Capt. Lewis Johnson will report in person to Col. George G. Huntt, 2d Cav., president of the examining board convened at Whipple Barracks, A. T., for examination as to his fitness for promotion (S. O., Dec. 28, H. Q. A.)

25th Infantry, Colonel Andrew S. Burt.

Hdqrs., F, G, and H, Ft. Missoula, Mont.; A and D, Ft. Custer, Mont.; B, C, and E, Ft. Buford, N. D.

(*For Late Army Orders see Page* 318.)

Assignments of Officers.

The following assignments to regiments of officers recently promoted are ordered:

Capt. Hoel S. Bishop (promoted from 1st lieut., 5th Cav.,) to the 5th Cav., Troop K, to date from Dec. 12, 1892, vice London, deceased.

1st Lieut. Peter E. Traub (promoted from 2d lieut., 1st Cav.) to the 5th Cav., Troop D, to date from Dec. 12, 1892, vice Bishop, promoted.

Capt. Francis E. Eltonhead (promoted from 1st lieut., 21st Inf.) to the 21st Inf., Co. D, to date from Dec. 15, 1892, vice Hadley, retired.

1st Lieut. Armand I. Lasseigne (promoted from 2d lieut., 9th Inf., to the 21st Inf., Co. F, to date from Dec. 15, 1892, vice Eltonheal, promoted.

Transfers.

The following transfers of officers are ordered, to take effect Dec. 27:

1st Lieut. John T. Haines, from the 1st Cav. to the 5th Cav., Troop D.

1st Lieut. Peter E. Traub, from the 5th Cav. to the 1st Cav., Troop G.

2d Lieut. Austin H. Brown, from the 23d Inf. to the 4th Inf., Co. F.

2d Lieut. Edward W. McCaskey, from the 4th Inf. to the 23d Inf., Co. F.

2d Lieut. Armand I. Lasseigne, from the 21st Inf. to the 9th Inf., Co. A. He will be attached to the 7th Inf. until further orders.

2d Lieut. James H. McRae, from the 14th Inf. to the 3d Inf., Co. E.

2d Lieut. Wm. M. Swaine, from the 3d Inf. to the 22d Inf., Co. F.

Courts-martial.

The following courts have been ordered:

At Fort Bowie, A. T., Dec. 29. Detail: Maj. Thomas Morgor, Capts. Wm. C. Rawolle, Joshua L. Fowler, 2d Cav.; Richard W. Johnson, asst.-surg.; 1st Lieuts. Herbert H. Purgent, Roger B. Bryan, 2d Lieuts. John S. Winn, 2d Cav.; Douglas Settle, 10th Inf., and 1st Lieut. Thomas J. Clay, 9th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 162, Dec. 14, D. Ariz.)

At Fort Omaha, Neb., Dec. 26. Detail: Capts. Chas. Kellogg, James Ulio, Horace B. Sarson, John Kinzie, Wm. J. Lyster, 1st Lieuts. Abner Pickering, Frederick T. Van Vliet, 2d Lieuts. Harry E. Wilkins, Edward R. Chrisman, William McL. Powell, John L. Hines, Peter E. Marquart, Leonard M. Prince, 2d Inf., and 2d Lieut. Edwin V. Bookmiller, 2d Inf., J. A. (S. O. 116, Dec. 19, D. Platte.)

At Fort Douglas, Utah, Jan. 5. Detail: Col. Henry C. Merriam, 7th Inf.; Majs. Harry C. Egbert, 17th Inf.; Valery Havard, surg.; Capts. Augustus W. Corliss, 8th Inf.; Wm. H. Boyle, 21st Inf.; John S. Loud, 9th Cav.; Wm. P. Rogers, 9th Inf.; Allan H. Jackson, John T. Van Orsdale, 7th Inf.; John K. Waring, 2d Inf.; 1st Lieuts. Edgar W. Howe, Edward I. Grumley, 17th Inf.; James A. Goodin, 7th Inf.; and 2d Lieut. Cyrus S. Roberts, 17th Inf., J. A. (S. O. 117, Dec. 21, D. Platte.)

At Fort Grant, A. T., Dec. 27. Detail: Major Charles D. Boyle, Capts. Frederick K. Ward, Herbert E. Tutherly, Robert P. P. Wainwright, 1st Lieuts. George W. Goode, 1st Lieut.; George M. Wells, asst.-surg.; 2d Lieuts. John D. Lidstrman, Edward Anderson, Samuel B. Arnold, 1st Cav., and 1st Lieut. Wm. C. Brown, 1st Cav., J. A. (S. O. 164, Dec. D, Ariz.)

Court of Inquiry.

At the request of Major Wm. Ludlow, C. E., a court of inquiry is appointed to meet at Washington, D. C., on Jan. 5, 1893, to inquire into and report the facts and circumstances connected with the matter of the lighting of the St. Mary's River, Mich., which brought about the relieving from duty under the Light-House Board, as the engineer of the 11th Light-House District, of the said Major Wm. Ludlow, C. E., as also the subject of his unduly assuming or exceeding authority as light-house engineer, in other matters, as charged by the Superintendent of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, a member of said Light-House Board. Detail: Col. Elwell S. Otis, 20th Inf.; Henry L. Abbot, C. E.; Lieut.-Col. Alex. C. M. Pennington, 4th Art.; 1st Lieut. Arthur Murray, 1st Art., recorder (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Boards.

Col. Thomas M. Anderson, 14th Inf., and Capt. Wm. H. Arthur, asst.-surg., who were appointed to meet Comdr. Thomas Perry, U. S. N., at Fort Canby, Wash., to act as a board to consider the settlement of the question of jurisdiction of the Cape Disappointment Light-Station, will act in this matter, after Dec. 31, with Comdr. Henry E. Nichols, U. S. N., as the representative of the Light-House Board, who has been designated to relieve Comdr. Perry as inspector of the 12th Light-House District on the above date (S. O., Dec. 27, H. Q. A.)

Examining Boards.

A Board of Officers will meet at Fort Monroe, Va., for the examination of such officers as may be ordered before it, to determine their fitness for promotion. Detail: Lieut.-Col. Royal T. Frank, 2d Art.; Majs. Marcus P. Miller, 5th Art.; Richard S. Vickery, surg.; Capt. James M. Ingalls, 1st Art.; 1st Lieuts. Frederick P. Reynolds, asst.-surg.; and 1st Lieut. Wm. P. Duvall, 5th Art., recorder (S. O., Dec. 23, H. Q. A.)

Changes of Station.

The following changes of stations of troops in the Dept. of Missouri are made: The headquarters and band of the 13th Infantry are relieved from duty at Fort Supply, I. T., and will proceed by rail, and such marching as may be necessary, to Fort Sill, O. T., and take station; Co. G, 10th Inf., is relieved from duty in the Dept. of Missouri, and will proceed by rail, and such marching as may be necessary, to Fort Stanton, N. M., and take station; Co. A, 13th Inf., is relieved from duty at Fort Sill, O. T., and will proceed by rail, and such marching as may be necessary, to Fort Reno, O. T., and take station (G. O. 19, Dec. 22, D. Mo.)

DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Dept. of Arizona.—Brig.-Gen. A. McD. McCook.

The troops sent from Fort Wingate to Zuni, Pueblo, have returned with four prisoners, who some time ago tortured and murdered two other Indians for witchcraft. All is quiet at Pueblo.

Dept. of California.—Brig. Gen. Thos. H. Ruger.

The War Department has had the San Francisco City Cemetery title passed upon, and the property will soon be used for the purpose of fortifications. Gen. Casey is pleased that the War Department gets the property at very low figures. A few years ago this property, of about sixty acres, was rated at $2,000 or $3,000 per acre. It has been purchased for $75,000.

RETIREMENT FOR ENLISTED MEN.

At a regular meeting of General James A. Garfield Garrison, No. 49, R. A. and N. U., held at Fort Sherman, Idaho, Dec. 19, 1892, P. J. Quinlan, E. C. Berry, Chas. Porter, Jas. Davis and E. P. Metgrave, Committee, resolutions were unanimously adopted, urging the passage by Congress of an act giving privates and noncommissioned officers retirement after twenty-five years service, and making this retirement compulsory. In the preamble they say:

Service in the Regular Army of the United States during the past thirty years has been far more arduous than was the service of volunteers during the late war, but without the benefits which a grateful nation has lavished upon the latter. The duty and service of the regular soldier, since the close of the war, has been mainly confined to the country west of the Mississippi River, acting as the advance guard to that hardy body of pioneers who have reclaimed vast areas of undeveloped territory, carved out rich and powerful States, and developed untold wealth of precious metals, all of which has tended to the greatness, prosperity and wealth of the Nation. The success attending the efforts of these pioneers rested solely upon the work of the Regular Army in keeping in check the savage hordes of red men bent upon driving out the whites. The soldier has guarded the long wagon trains which crept slowly over the prairies and proclaimed the advance of civilization westward, he has stood as a bulwark between the redskin and the settler, marched under a tropical sun over a wide expanse of desert in the Southwest, suffering the tortures of hunger, heat and thirst, he has been subjected to the rigors of almost Arctic winters in the North and West, enduring privations, hardships and fatigues with an uncomplaining cheerfulness that overcame all obstacles and permitted the completion of his great work. His only reward consists in the conscious knowledge of a duty well performed. He has buried comrades on plain and mountain, beside running brooks and on the banks of mighty rivers, where the Indian's yell answered the sad requiem of "taps" when sounded over the grave.

Twenty-five years of duty in all seasons of the year, sudden changes in temperature and climate, loss of home comforts, and a life of celibacy is hardly compensated for in the right of retirement after thirty years service. The drain upon the physical resources of the soldier are such that after twenty-five years service he is unable to maintain his place in the ranks with his younger companions.

AFFAIRS ON THE RIO GRANDE.

Our troops on the Rio Grande border have been kept pretty active this week, and the service is a difficult one under existing circumstances. A Washington despatch quotes from a letter from an officer in Texas: "The War Department did nothing for us. We had no guides, no interpreters, no pack train (until a late date), no canned meats which could be used without cooking—nothing. We have had to take things as we found them—no blankets, no saddles and everything else the same way. But we busted them up in fine shape, and had not the petty officials along the Rio Grande been in full affiliation (in most cases) with Garcia, we should have Americanized the Rio Grande."

Gen. Wheaton telegraphed to Washington Dec. 25: "Lieut. P. W. West, 3d Cav., struck a camp of bandits yesterday morning 12 miles northwest of Roma picket, 500 yards from camp. They fired on the troops. The band made a short stand, then scattered in all directions. One of them was killed and one wounded. Lieut. West followed the general direction and came on them again just before dark. We captured three horses and quantities of ammunition, saddles, a Mexican cavalry sabre, and two uniform overcoats taken at the San Yguacio fight. Lieut. Langhorne got into San Antonio Dec. 24. Left at 7 o'clock Dec. 25 with his troop for Roma. Bandits retreated toward the river. Have notified Mexican officers at Camargo and Mier."

Capt. F. H. Hardie, 3d U. S. Cav., lately at San Antonio attending the Federal Court, has resumed command of his troop in the field. The three troops of the 7th Cavalry from Riley have arrived at the front.

Co. G, 23d Inf., left Fort Sam Houston, commanded by Lieut. Stephen O'Connor, for the lower Rio Grande border. Capt. J. G. Bourke, 3d U. S. Cav., left Washington Dec. 28 after several interviews with the military authorities. A despatch states that he takes secret instructions for the guidance of Gen. Wheaton in the conduct of his campaign against the Mexican revolutionists on the north bank of the Rio Grande, and that he is charged with the special duty of investigating the situation for the benefit of the War Department.

He is quoted as saying: "The belligerent class is made up of the worst elements that ever stood in the way of civilization. Mexican in their origin and speech, but anti-Mexican in sympathy, they cause our southern neighbor a great deal of trouble. Incidentally, they worry us a great deal, for they are just as much anti-American as they are anti-Mexican. Their character is utterly devoid of principle, and in all their utterances there is no semblance of patriotism."

Lieut. Hedekin and his command are recruiting at San Ignacio to investigate the statement that on several occasions Mexican soldiers have crossed to that point in full uniform, armed to the teeth, and compelled several of their brother soldiers, survivors of the San Ignacio fight, to return to Mexican soil.

A despatch from Nueva Laredo of Dec. 28 says: Gen. Estrada, one of the most popular Army officers in Mexico, has joined the revolutionists. This will cause thousands to flock to the standard. The indications are that the Government troops along the border will see some hard service in hunting down the rebels during the next few months.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT LEAVENWORTH.

Winter seems to have settled on us a little earlier than usual this year. Ten days ago we had quite a fall of snow, and a few days later another one. It has not thawed, and we have had splendid sleighing. The children are enjoying good coasting and skating on Merritt's Pond.

Arrangements have been made for cutting and putting in ice, but it has not frozen quite thick enough yet to pay to cut.

The post is getting quite gay now, owing partly to a number of young lady visitors present. Miss Crandal is visiting Mrs. Gilman, Miss Pearson at Mrs. Sands, Miss Whittal at Mrs. Elliot's, and Miss Romeyn at Mrs. Hathaway's.

Mrs. Lynch is with her daughter, Mrs. Pope; Mrs. Raynolds and Mr. Barnum, at Lieut. Barnum's.

Col. Heyl, the Department Inspector, spent a week here, and, in spite of the snow, he reviewed the cavalry squadron.

Lieut. G. H. Morgan, 3d Cav., was a recent visitor at the post. He had been to Ft. Riley to be examined for his captaincy, and was returning to Minneapolis, where he is on college duty.

Last Monday evening Mrs. Gilman entertained the young ladies' card club, and owing to Mrs. Gilman's hospitality the young gentlemen fared better than usual, being invited to supper.

Thursday evening Captain and Mrs. Beach entertained a number of their friends at cards. It was one of the pleasantest card parties so far this season.

Wednesday evening the young ladies gave a leap-year german. About 20 couples danced. It wes led by Miss Lucy Townsend, dancing with Lieut. Penrose, and Miss Clara Swigert, dancing with Lieut. Clark. It was the first german of the season, and it had the effect of rousing the married people to a similar effort. Friday evening a number of the married ladies met before the hop and decided to give a leap-year german the Wednesday evening following Christmas. Mrs. Barnum and Mrs. Tayman were chosen to lead it.

That Christmas is drawing near was manifested by 31 of the officers and ladies going to Kansas City to shop.

Thursday afternoon a meeting was called by Chaplain Tully to arrange for the children's Christmas tree. Considerable money has been raised, and they will have the tree in the chapel Christmas eve. Mrs. Fornance is one of the committee to purchase the presents. U.

The Kansas City *Times* says:

During the holidays Mrs. Von Schrader will enjoy a visit from her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Allen, of St. Louis.

Lieut. and Mrs Krayenbuhl, of Fort Riley were the guests of Capt. and Mrs. Craigie.

Mrs. Phister entertained the children of the West End Dec. 24 with a Christmas tree and Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Tayman is enjoying a visit from her aunt, Miss Williamson, of Meade, Pa.

Lieut. and Mrs. O'Brien entertained a number of young people at dinner Dec. 24.

The Provost Guard, composed almost entirely of veterans, enjoyed a fine dinner Christmas day, as did all the other companies and troops in the post.

Capt. Sumner H. Lincoln, selected for duty in connection with the publication of the official records of the rebellion, has a brother, Dr. Lincoln, living in Washington.

The Christmas tree exercises at the post chapel Dec. 24 were an immense success. More than seventy children of the garrison, irrespective of rank and station, poor as well as rich, were made happy by Santa Claus. The presents were all handsome and in many instances useful. The presents were all purchased with contributions made by officers of the post and others.

FORT SCHUYLER, N. Y. H.

The matters at Fort Schuyler, N. Y. H., to which we referred last week still continue to agitate the daily papers, and the strict discipline exercised by the post commander, Capt. F. C. Grugan, 2d U. S. Art. In addition to the investigation made by Inspector General R. P. Hughes, Inspector General J. P. Sanger has also visited the post and made an official report to the War Department. While there may have been cases where severe discipline was exercised, there is no just ground for the more serious accusations made in the newspapers.

Captain Sabertash of the cavalry corps was an inveterate drill-master. One Sunday the Colonel saw some of the Captain's company, and inquired why they were not at church. Corporal Tompion said they had a sermon every day in the week, and therefore thought they might be excused on Sunday. "A sermon every day in the week?" "Yes, Capt. Sabertash gives us the sermon on the mount regularly."—*Boston Transcript.*

PERSONAL ITEMS.

COMMANDER R. P. HUMPAGE, British Navy, was in New York this week, with headquarters at the Everett House.

LIEUTENANT A. C. McMECHAN, U. S. N., retired, and Mrs. McMechan are spending a portion of the winter in San Antonio, Texas.

COMMODORE GEO. DEWEY, Chief of the Bureau of Equipment, was called to Florida on Monday last by a telegram from his sister announcing the dangerous illness of her husband.

ADOLPH SUTRO entertained the officers of the Japanese warship *Kong-Go*, at Sutro Heights, San Francisco, Dec. 10. A number of Navy officers and prominent citizens were invited to meet the visitors.

DURING the recent refit of the *Atlanta* at the Norfolk Navy-yard, P. A. Engr. C. W. Rae, U. S. Navy, has been accompanied by Mrs. Rae, and had the ship not gotten away so soon, it had been the intention of Mrs. Rae to pass the winter at Norfolk.

THE New Orleans *Picayune* publishes a portrait of Lieut. W. S. Hughes, U. S. N., in charge of the Branch Hydrographic Office in that city, and speaks highly of the work he has accomplished and of his professional and literary attainments.

SURGEON J. C. WISE, U. S. Navy, attached to the U. S. S. *Alliance*, has left many warm friends at Honolulu, where his ship lay for some time recently, and it is understood that the doctor is not averse to the prospect of an indefinite sojourn in that island paradise.

CIVIL ENGINEER ROBERT E. PEARY, U. S. N., in a recent interview at Philadelphia, states that he had already written to St. John's, N. F., to engage a ship for his proposed expedition to the North next summer, and that applications to join his party were coming in with every mail.

LIEUTENANT DOWNS L. WILSON, U. S. N., took his departure from San Francisco last Monday, Dec. 26, and will report as admiral's secretary on board the U. S. S. *Mohican*, flagship of the Pacific Squadron for the time being. Mrs. Wilson will join her husband in the spring either at San Francisco or at Honolulu.

THE table of outfit and allowance recently completed for the U. S. S. *Columbia* in the Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, is regarded as the most complete one ever allowed to a ship in the Navy. The separate items were prepared under the supervision of Chief Engr. Andrade and embrace pretty much "all that the market affords."

CAPTAIN J. R. BARTLETT, U. S. N., one of the officers who went to Mare Island as a member of the Johnson Court-martial, was taken dangerously ill the day after his arrival with every symptom of pneumonia. He stopped at the residence of his brother, Maj. H. A. Bartlett, U. S. M. C., where every attention that can be bestowed was given him.

MRS. CORWINE, wife of P. A. Paymr. John Corwine, U. S. Navy, while residing in Honolulu a few years since, gathered the materials for numerous paintings illustrative of the flowers and fruits of that marvellous part of the world, and has since then been engaged in putting her "field studies" into some charming shapes for the delectation of her numerous friends.

IT is likely that the Society of American Naval Engineers will inaugurate a series of meetings in the near future for the discussion of the interesting problems now confronting the engineering profession, and it is intended to make these meetings of not only professional interest, but to introduce the latest popular discussions on matters nearly connected with naval engineering.

CAPTAIN I. TASHIRO, commanding the Japanese warship *Kongo*, was tendered a complimentary breakfast recently in San Francisco by the officers of the U. S. S. *Rush*. Those present were: Capt. I. Tashiro and Comdr. S. Misu, of the Japanese Navy; Consul L. Chiuda, Lieuts. F. H. Newcomb, J. O. Cantwell, J. E. Reinburg, Chief Engr. G. M. Robinson, Asst. Engrs. W. C. Myers and Eugene Vallat, Jr., all of the *Rush*.

LIEUTENANT J. L. PURCELL, U. S. N., at present serving on the U. S. training-ship *Minnesota*, New York, has given much attention to Alaskan affairs, and expresses the opinion that far in the interior of that marvellous land discoveries await the adventurous explorer, rivalling in richness and economic value anything yet found in better known portions of the continent. Lieut. Purcell has made an interesting voyage on the coast of Alaska and may try his fortunes in those latitudes once more.

CAPTAIN NELSON and Lieut. Adams, of the U. S. S. *Adams*, on the arrival of that vessel at San Francisco, had to run the gauntlet of the inquisitorial reporters charged with inquiry into the story of the undue scrubbing of an apprentice boy upon that vessel last September in Alaskan waters. Captain Nellson is reported as saying: "This boy, with several others, was very dirty when he came on board the *Adams*, and his habits were simply filthy. He had vermin on him. The quarters on the *Adams* were limited and clean boys were likely to be infected. The boy had to be given a lesson and it has done him good. No unnecessary violence was used nor was the boy injured. When the *Adams* gets to Mare Island Navy Yard I shall court the fullest investigation."

LIEUTENANT W. S. HUGHES, U. S. N,, contributes to the New Orleans *Picayune* an interesting article on Hydrographic Service, which gives occasion to that paper to say: "With all his attainments, Lieut. Hughes is a most genial and affable gentleman, and what is more to our present point, besides being a literary and scientific man, he is a practical man of business, and he pushes the work of his office in the most business-like style. Under his efficient management the importance of the New Orleans branch office has been made familiar to every captain that touches at any point on the gulf coast. He is doing a good work, and has brought the New Orleans Hydrographic office to a degree of efficiency of which our city may justly be proud."

LIEUTENANT GEO. P. COLVOCORESSES, U. S. N., of the U. S. S. *Concord*, was in Washington last week on a visit to his family. Mrs. Colvocoresses is located at No. 912 Nineteenth street.

REPORTS lately received from Chief Engineer R. B. Hine, U. S. N., are to the effect that he has suffered a stroke of paralysis, and is in a very bad way. It will be remembered that Chief Engineer Hine was detached from the *Concord* a few months since suffering from nervous prostration.

COMMODORE J. S. SKERRETT, U. S. Navy, the new commander of the Pacific Squadron, will leave Washington for the coast Dec. 31. He will stop over in Ohio and Illinois for the purpose of visiting relatives and friends, arriving at Vallejo, Cal., about Jan. 10. His flagship, the *Mohican*, will be ready about that time.

THE record of the court-martial in the case of Comdr. M. L. Johnson, U. S. N., charged with the responsibility of the recent grounding of the U.S.S. *Mohican* on the Pacific Coast, has reached the Navy Department. The case will be reviewed by the Judge Advocate General, and then be submitted to the Secretary of the Navy for his action.

ALTHOUGH recovered from his recent severe illness Comdr. J. S. Newell has accepted the advice of his physicians and will not resume the laborious and responsible duties of chief inspector of electric lighting for the new ships. His tour of shore duty will be up anyhow in a few months. He will continue on sick leave until time to go to sea. During the illness of Comdr. Newell Ensign Blandin, an electric light spark of recognized ability, has been looking after the electrical branch of the Equipment Bureau.

A PRINCETON, N. J., despatch says: "The most popular paper read, Dec. 28, before the Society of American Physiologists was by Surg. H. G. Beyer, U. S. N, of the Naval Academy, on 'The Measure of Strength in Football Teams.' He took five teams, in which the Princeton and Annapolis eleven were included. He discussed the breathing capacity, leg strength, arm strength, and back strength of the men and made a formula for the strength of the team, and came to the conclusion that the absolute strength of the team determines the result of a game."

THE San Francisco *Call*, in a notice of Naval Constructor David W. Taylor, U. S. N., says: "He is a tall, fine looking young gentleman. He is now the sole survivor of the only three men who ever received the highest diploma issued from the Royal Naval Institute at Edinburgh. The other two, one an Englishman, the other a Frenchman, both since died." The same paper says: "Comdr. Harris, who goes to Madrid, will have authority to investigate the indemnity claims of the missionaries who suffered outrages at the hands of Spanish subjects on the Caroline Islands a year or more ago. Comdr. Harris is entirely familiar with these claims, having visited the islands at the time of the trouble in command of the *Alliance*. It was through his efforts that peace was restored among the natives there."

THE Dubuque, Iowa, *Ledger* has already consolidated the Navy and the Revenue Marine Service. It says: "Capts. Baker and Glover, of the U. S. Navy, arrived here this morning from Baltimore, Md. The former is chief engineer of the United States Revenue Marine Service, and the latter is connected with the Bureau of Construction of the Revenue Marine Service. They have been sent here by the Secretary of the Navy to superintend the construction of the new revenue cutter *William Windom*, which is now being built at the Iowa Iron Works. They will be stationed here until the vessel is completed, and Capt. Glover will move his family here. Both have been in the Navy for many years, and are very prominent in their respective positions. Our reporter understands that they served in the Navy during the war."

PAYMASTER SKELDING, of the Navy, has created a small sensation at Mare Island by his conscientious exactitude in making change. The San Francisco *Call* says: "Strange as it may sound and appear more than 500 children on last Monday night saw for the first time the smallest piece of United States money in use. It was pay day at the Navy-yard, and 500 or 600 men had obtained their semi-monthly wages. In the little brown envelope, where the change to be given was odd, each man received the amount in pennies or 1-cent pieces, and from as low as one to as high as four of these funny looking little copper coins were found. Many of the workmen themselves had never before seen the like of them, and wondered what they were good for. Some shied them at a passing bird, others pitched them at a mark, others tossed them up with 'a head I win and tails you lose" sort of expression, others tucked them away in their jumper pocket to take home to the children, while some, not being blessed with such tender little offerings, laid them snugly away in the corner of their vest pocket to wait for Sunday to roll round, and with a quiet, peaceful, sanctimonious look drop one of them into the contribution box, with the thought 4 cents saved, a nickel heretofore being the extent of their liberality in that respect. No! it would meet the wishes of the workman, the merchant and the deacon better if the penny system so recently inaugurated were discontinued. The men say they do not care to be bothered with such small pieces. Heretofore, where the change was odd up to two cents, he received the lowest, and up to three cents the paymaster got the overplus, but in the course of the year it evened itself up pretty well."

CAPTAIN C. R. BARNETT, Assistant Quartermaster U. S. A., is spending a short leave with relatives in Baltimore, Md.

SURGEON J. G. C. HAPPERSETT, Medical Department, and family are at present located at 70 Henry street, Savannah, Ga.

MAJOR GEORGE W. BAIRD, Paymaster U. S. A., was expected on a short visit this week in Omaha, en route to Salt Lake City from Chicago.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LOUIS H. CARPENTER, 5th U. S. Cavalry, has arrived at Fort Riley and entered upon duty at the Cavalry and Light Artillery School.

CAPTAIN J. W. BEAN, U. S. A., retired, is spending the winter at San Mateo, Fla.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL C. B. MCLELLAN, 1st U. S. Cavalry, is spending the holidays at Hillside, Mo.

LIEUTENANT T. B. LAMOREUX, 4th U. S. Artillery, is spending a holiday leave with friends in Philadelphia.

MAJOR-GENERAL JOHN M. SCHOFIELD, U. S. A., registered at the Grand Hotel, New York City, early this week.

CAPTAIN E. L. ZALINSKI, 5th U. S. Artillery, is spending a portion of the winter at Copenhagen, Denmark.

LIEUTENANT W. E. CRAIGHILL, Corps of Engineers, U. S. A., is pleasantly situated for the winter at Lincoln, Ala.

LIEUTENANT C. J. STEVENS, 9th U. S. Cav., lately at Fort Logan, Col., has rejoined his troop at Fort Du Chesne, Utah.

LIEUTENANT E. A. MILLAR, 3d U. S. Artillery, of Fort Monroe, is spending the holidays with friends at Wyoming, Chio.

MAJOR LOUIS T. MORRIS, 3d U. S. Cavalry, and family, are staying at the Metropole, Broadway, 7th Ave, 41st and 42d Sts.

LIEUTENANT A. G. C. QUAY, Aide-de-Camp to Gen. John Brooke, returned to Omaha this week from a Christmas visit to relatives.

LIEUTENANT WILLIAM CHAMBERLAINE, 2d U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Adams, R. I., on Wednesday from a Christmas leave.

CAPTAIN W. A. KOBBÉ, 3d U. S. Art., of Fort Monroe, arrived in New York City early in the week on a fortnight's visit to relatives.

MAJOR J. H. CALEF, U. S. A., commandant of Ft. Trumbull, Conn., returned to that post on Wednesday from a short holiday leave.

LIEUTENANT G. B. BACKUS, 1st U. S. Cav., of Forse's Troop at Fort Apache, is spending the winter at 2638 Williams St., Denver, Col.

LIEUTENANT J. A. PENN, JR., 13th U. S. Infantry, on special duty at Frankford Arsenal, Pa., will return there next week from a fortnight's leave.

LIEUTENANT E. D. ANDERSON, 4th U. S. Cav., is a recent arrival on the Nez Perce Indian Reservation to secure recruits for Indian Troop L, of his regiment.

CAPTAIN R. G. ARMSTRONG, 1st U. S. Infantry, will leave Angel Island, Cal., in a few days, to spend several months on leave for the benefit of his health.

GENERAL GEORGE D. RUGGLES, U. S. A., returned to Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, from a short Christmas visit to his family who are still at Governor's Island.

A WHITE marble headstone, with suitable inscription, will soon be placed over the grave of the late Lieut. J. N. Glass, 6th U. S. Cav., in the cemetery at Fort Washakie.

CAPTAIN HENRY J. NOWLAN, 7th U. S. Cavalry, Assistant Inspector General, Department of the East, was expected to return from abroad the latter part of this week.

LIEUTENANT R. H. VAN DEMAN, 21st U. S. Inf., on leave from Fort Niagara, N. Y., until June next, is engaged in medical studies at Miami Medical College, Cincinnati, O.

SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY FOSTER has compromised the claim of the U. S. against Gen. Adam Badeau, U. S. A., for $1,000, for excess of fees while Consul-General at Havana.

COLONEL H. W. CLOSSON, 4th U. S. Artillery, arrived in Washington, D. C., on Monday of this week from Atlanta, Ga., to attend a session of the Board of Ordnance and Fortification.

LIEUTENANT F. G. KALK, 5th U. S. Infantry, and Mrs. Kalk, are visiting relatives in Omaha. Lieut. Kalk is son-in-law of Col. T. H. Stanton, U. S. A., Chief Paymaster, Dept. of the Platte.

MAJOR CALVIN DE WITT, Surgeon, U. S. A., has rejoined at Fort Sam Houston, Tex., from a pleasant visit to his father, Rev. Dr. De Witt, of the Theological Seminary at Princeton, N. J.

LIEUTENANTS W. C. DAVIS and M. F. Davis, U. S. Army, stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco, have arrived in the East, and will be examined at New York next week for transfer to the Ordnance Department.

CAPTAIN PHILIP READE, U. S. A., and other members of the whist team of the Saugamo Club, of Springfield, Ill., recently went to Decatur to play the team of the Decatur Club. The latter came out victorious by fourteen points.

CAPTAIN ENOCH CROWDER, Judge Advocate on the staff of Gen. Brooke, is a recent visitor at Fort Douglas, Utah, anent the troubles in which Lieut. Vance, 16th Inf., is involved. A despatch says: "It is thought the matter may be settled without a Court-martial."

SECRETARY OF WAR AND MRS. ELKINS have a house full of children and young folks for the holidays, says a Washington correspondent. The boys at school—Davis, Stephen and Richard—brought home each a chum, and the occasion has been a lively one for that household.

MR. FREDERICK W. WALKER, for several years an esteemed clerk of the A. G. O., Hdqrs. Department of the East, and now in mercantile business in New York, was married Dec. 28, at Rochester, N. Y., to Miss Lottie Elliott. Several of his old military friends attended the wedding.

THE commissioned roster of the new garrison to be established at Fort Barrancas, Fla., about the middle of January, will consist of Capts. James Chester and R. D. Potts and Lieuts. D. J. Rumbough, G. O. Squier, James Hamilton and W. S. McNair, 3d U. S. Art. Capt. Chester will be the post commander.

THE present address of Lieutenant R. G. Hill, 20th U. S. Infantry, is Guatemala City, Guatemala.

CHAPLAIN J. D. PARKER, U. S. Army, who has been sick since October, 1891, is at San Diego, California.

LIEUTENANT C. L. CORTHELL, 4th U. S. Artillery, rejoined at Fort Adams, R. I., on Wednesday from a short holiday leave.

COLONEL H. C. HASBROUCK, U. S. Army, on a few weeks leave from Fort Monroe, Va., is visiting friends in Buffalo, N. Y.

LIEUTENANT DWIGHT E. HOLLEY, 1st U. S. Infantry, and Mrs. Holley, are recent guests at the Arlington, Santa Barbara, Cal.

ASSISTANT SURGEON F. E. MERIWETHER, U. S. A., of Madison Barracks, is at Asheville, N. C., and will return to his post next week.

CAPTAIN GEORGE B. WALKER and Lieut. W. E. Gleason, 6th U. S. Inf., returned to Fort Thomas, Ky., this week from Christmas leaves.

LIEUTENANT LOTUS NILES, 2d U. S. Artillery, regimental recruiting officer, was a visitor to Meriden and Hartford, Conn., and North Adams, Mass., this week.

UNDER recent orders Col. Montgomery Bryant, Adjt. J. B. Goe and Quartermaster W. L. Buck, 13th U. S. Infantry, are additions to the commissioned roster of Fort Sill, O. T.

CAPTAIN J. G. BOURKE, 3d U. S. Cavalry, arrived in Washington, D. C., early in the week, under orders from the Headquarters of the Army, for conference on Rio Grande matters.

CAPTAINS W. H. MCLAUGHLIN and C. H. Potter and Lieut. F. M. M. Beall, 18th U. S. Inf., of Fort Clark, are recent visitors to Camp at Eagle Pass, Texas, to inquire into the matter of the recent fire there.

CAPTAIN MORRIS C. FOOTE, 9th U. S. Infantry, commandant of Plattsburgh Barracks, on a few weeks' leave, is visiting at 314 C street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

CAPTAIN SUMNER H. LINCOLN, 10th U. S. Infantry, bids adieu to friends at Fort Stanton, N. M., and will enter upon duty early in the year in the Rebellion Records office at Washington, D. C.

LIEUTENANT J. A. SHIPTON, 1st U. S. Artillery, lately on duty with the 4th Artillery at Fort Barrancas, Fla., was due this week at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., for duty with Andruss's Battery A.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL DAINGERFIELD PARKER, 13th U. S. Infantry, goes from Fort Sill to Fort Supply to take command of the latter post, the headquarters of that regiment having been transferred from Supply to Sill.

COLONEL H. C. MERRIAM, 7th U. S. Infantry, will be the president, and Capt. C. S. Roberts, 17th U. S. Infantry, the judge advocate of an important General Court-martial to organize at Fort Douglas, Utah, on Thursday next.

SECRETARY OF WAR ELKINS and the Hon. Wm. C. Whitney, ex-Secretary of the Navy, it is stated, are at the head of the syndicate which is soon going to get control of the City Railroad Company and the other surface railroads in Brooklyn.

COLONEL GUY V. HENRY, U. S. A., who has been visiting the Drexel family in Philadelphia, is detained there by sickness, which, however, we learn is not serious. We hope the gallant colonel may soon be able to resume command of Fort Myer.

BANDMASTER E. O. NESKE, 17th U. S. Inf., has been presented with a massive silver medal, suitably inscribed, by the Wyoming State Fair Committee, as a token of appreciation of the excellent music rendered by the band under his direction at the recent State Fair.

GENERAL MARTIN T. MCMAHON, secretary of the Board of Management of the National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers and Sailors, has received a legacy of $10,000 for the homes, said to have been left by Col. Stinson, who served as a volunteer in the Mexican War.

THE Vincennes *Commercial*, in an account of an athletic entertainment recently given by Prof. Pitzlin, says: "The Graeco-Roman wrestling match between the Professor and Lieut. R. C. Van Vliet, U. S. A., the military instructor at the college, was simply immense. It would be hard to find two better all-around athletes."

GENERAL JOHN GIBBON, U. S. A., concludes a pungent letter to the New York *Sun*, on the subject of pensions, by saying: "The rule of pensions should be to pay as much as the country can afford to those who made sacrifices in the war. Nothing to those who made no such sacrifices nor to fraud. The present system degrades patriotism to a beggar's level."

LIEUTENANT E. M. JOHNSON, 19th U. S. Inf., on college duty at Alliance, Ohio, read an interesting paper on "Infantry Fire and Its Effectiveness" last week, at Canton, before a portion of the Ohio National Guard. The lecture was highly appreciated, and the gallant lecturer was warmly thanked. Lieut. Johnson has been elected a member of the Ohio Commandery of the Loyal Legion.

AMONG recent visitors to the Japanese Imperial ship *Kongo*, now in San Francisco Bay, was a party party consisting of Capt. and Mrs. S. A. Day, 5th Art., Lieut. W. W. Galbraith, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Kneedler and Lieut. Winslow. The representatives of Uncle Sam from Fort Mason were charmingly entertained by Capt. Tashiro and his officers, and the hospitality of the ship was cordially extended to them.

THE first Army retirement for age in 1893 will be that of Col. Rodney Smith, Assistant Paymaster-General, Chief Paymaster Department of the East, on Tuesday next, Jan. 3, after a meritorious career as an officer of the Pay Department, dating from Feb. 23, 1864. He attained his present grade in 1886. Col. Smith has been an able officer in his department, and retires with the good wishes of his friends and comrades.

CAPTAIN J. B. GUTHRIE and Lieut. P. C. Harris, 13th U. S. Inf., are recent additions to the commissioned roster of Fort Reno, O. T.

CAPTAIN D. F. STILES and Lieut. R. L. Bullard, with Co. G, 10th Inf., change station under recent orders from Fort Reno to Fort Stanton, N. M.

COLONEL SAM ECKER, formerly of El Paso, Tex., is now located at the The Oxford, Denver, Col., where he will be pleased to greet his many Army friends.

LIEUTENANT C. W. FOSTER, 3d U. S. Artillery, on regimental recruiting duty at Cumberland, Md., was expected at Lonaconing, Md., this week, to establish a sub-recruiting rendezvous.

CAPTAIN C. M. ROCKEFELLER, 19th U. S. Infantry, who is on sick leave, will go to Roosevelt Hospital, New York City, on Jan. 2, to have an operation performed on his arm. He expects to remain at the hospital for a few weeks.

COLONEL T. A. DODGE, U. S. A., recently in Paris, France, on a tour around the world, has sailed for Egypt, and from there goes to India, Ceylon, China and Japan. Col. Dodge's address is still kept at No. 5 Winthrop Square, Boston, Mass.

MAJOR COMLY, Capts. Heath, Morrison and Crozier and Lieuts. Wheeler and Greble are recent visitors to the Pond Machine Tool Works at Plainfield, N.J. They were, while on the visit, entertained at dinner at the Union County Country Clubhouse.

THE Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, U. S. Minister to England, was a guest at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York, early in the week, and sailed for Liverpool on Wednesday on the steamship *Teutonic*. A salute in his honor was fired from Fort Columbus as the vessel passed Governor's Island, by direction of Maj.-Gen. Howard.

THE San Antonio *Express* says: "Capt. Geo. H. Hunter, 3d Cav., has gone to Laredo, Tex., to join his troop in the field.....Maj. J. B. Burbank, 3d Art., has gone on a seven days' leave for the purpose of hunting....Capt. Francis H. Hardie, 3d Cav., has been discharged from further attendance before the U. S. District Court, and will join his troop in a few days."

ARMY officers have a penchant for Pasadena and vicinity, as well they may, says a Pasadena paper. Col. Corbin, Lieut. Chase, Capt. Wilkinson, Capt. Guest, Capt. Taylor and Lieut. Green have made this their home for various periods. Lieut. Chase is one of our permanent residents, while Capt. Taylor has lately taken up his residence at Alhambra; also Capt. J. H. Spencer, U. S. A., retired.

THE San Francisco *Examiner* publishes a long account of the malicious cutting of the tails of horses of Capt. J. H. Dorst, 4th U. S. Cavalry, on duty at the Presidio. The captain had occasion to reprimand some of his men while on the march recently from Sequoia Park to San Francisco, and the dastardly outrage is thought to have been committed in revenge. We trust that whoever did it may speedily be discovered and roundly dealt with.

THE commissioned roster of the garrison to be established at Key West Barracks, Fla., about the middle of January will consist of Capt. Jas. O'Hara and Lt. H. D. Todd, Jr., 3d U. S. Art. Capt. O'Hara, an officer of experience and ability, will be the post commander. It is needless to say Key West is glad to have a garrison once more in its midst, even if it is but one battery of artillery. There is a prospect, however, that ere long the garrison may be increased.

THE Boston *Home Journal*, in a list of recent receptions, says: "One of the most delightful was that held by Mrs. John C. White at her residence on Lambert avenue, Roxbury. The old fashioned but picturesque house was most hospitably thrown open and looked more attractive than ever. The fair hostess looked exceedingly young and pretty. The presence of the Misses White, daughters of Capt. John C. White, added an interest to the reception. They are bright, entertaining young ladies. Both are tall and graceful, and are general favorites in society."

THE following candidates for appointment as ordnance sergeants have successfully passed the prescribed examination and will shortly receive their warrants. They will be assigned to stations in a few days: Sergts. Thomas Bulfin, B, 4th Art.; T. V. Turney, G, 5th Art.; James Rees, B, 3d Art.; John Hinds, H, 4th Art.; Maurice McGrath, G, 3d Art.; James Fawdry, D, 3d Art., Joseph Boan, B, 2d Art.; John Gorham, F, 4th Art.; S. A. Keenly, D, 1st Art.; John Davis, C, 2d Art.; Frank Byrm, L, 3d Art.; C. W. Brooks, K, 5th Art., and Zackariah F. Woodhall, I, 6th Cav., and Q. M. Sergt. W. H. Loveland, 2d Inf.

CAPTAIN M. W. LYON, Ordnance Department, U. S. Army, who leaves Rock Island Arsenal early in the new year for foundry duty at Providence, R. I., has, says the Davenport *Leader*, "always shown great zeal in everything that appertained to the interests of the three cities, is an earnest, hard working member of the Twin City Columbian Committee, and last year had charge of the Fourth of July Columbian Celebration. His family will probably remain until July as his children are attending the public schools and his eldest son graduates from the Rock Island High School at the end of the present school year."

IN an interview reported in *Kate Field's* paper, Robert Bonner said: "I knew that Sunol was lame when I bought her, but Senator Stanford didn't. I told his superintendent and trainer, who were afraid to inform the Senator of what, however, gave me no concern, as I knew that the trouble lay in the shoeing. Wherefore, know all men by these presents, that whosoever talks of horses being chest foundered, or shook in the shoulders, is an ignorant pretender to the knowledge of this animal, and is himself shaken in the head. Chest founder, interfering and overreaching is too much toe. An unbalanced foot makes an uneven gait and accounts for most of the trouble with horses. It is more than probable that California will produce better horses than any part of the country, because they can be trained all the year round. A horse that quits here the latter part of a mile will go to California and endure to the end. Speed is developed here earlier."

LIEUTENANT M. K. BARROLL, 4th U. S. Artillery, of Fort Monroe, Va., is spending New Year's with old friends at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.

ASSISTANT SURGEON B. L. TEN EYCK, U. S. A., left Fort Leavenworth in a hurry early in the week for duty in the field with our troops on the Rio Grande.

MR. and Mrs. George G. Williams, of 34 West 58th street, New York City, gave a dinner recently in honor of the recently announced engagement of their daughter, Miss Clara J. Williams, to Lieut. F. B. Keech, 5th U. S. Inf. Lieut. Keech was the guest of honor. The wedding of Miss Williams to Lieut. Keech will take place in the spring. The lieutenant is at present on special duty at Willets Point, N. Y. H.

THE retirement for age, Jan. 3, of Col. Rodney Smith, Assistant Paymaster-General, U. S. A., promotes Lieut.-Col. William R. Gibson, D. P. M. G., to colonel and A. P. M. G., and Maj. G. E. Glenn, P. M., to lieutenant-colonel and D. P. M. G. These promotions, and the recent retirement for disability incident to the Service, reduces the number of paymasters with rank of major to 25, the number now authorized by law. No casualty intervening, there will be a vacancy in the Pay Department for appointment April 1, 1894, the date when Major Bash will retire for age.

CAPTAIN H. C. WARD, 16th U. S. Inf., on recruiting duty at Nashville recently received, in a roundabout way, a letter from a gentleman at Cleveland, N. C., saying: "On the 20th of March, 1865, I captured from an officer in front of Petersburg, Va., a sword. There is engraved on the upper band of the scabbard the following: 'Presented to Lieut. H. C. Ward, Company G, Fifty-seventh Regiment, M. V. I., by his friends. Worcester, March 28, 1864.'" Many expressions of good will were in the letter and an offer to return the sword, which Capt. Ward, who was captured at the time mentioned, accepted in a graceful reply.

AN idea of how Miss Ellen Terry studies her parts may be gathered from some of her notes in her book for *Lear*. The book, says Mr. How, who makes Miss Terry the subject of an interview in the *Strand Magazine*, is interspersed with almost as many notes as there is type—notes on the character of the woman, period, costume, surroundings, influences. One little note on Cordelia reads: "Character—undemonstrative; singing voice—about 25; she ought to be nice looking, for the King of France took her without any dower; every servant in the Court loves her; indeed, the Court Fool pines away when she goes to France." Some half dozen books, all for the same character, are full of notes of this kind.

A LEGAL controversy concerning the management of the Vermont Marble Co., at the head of which is Senator and ex Secretary of War Proctor, has taken the form of charges of fraudulent mismanagement brought against Mr. Proctor by a disgruntled stockholder who is not satisfied with the dividends he has received. "It is declared in the complaint that the business was properly managed until 1884. The profits up to the close of the year 1883 aggregated $784,735. Of this $190,000 had been used to decrease the indebtedness, $185,000 for new machinery, $25,000 for more realty, and $180,000 had been paid in dividends. In 1884, it is alleged, Redfield Proctor began a scheme to depreciate the value of the stock in order to secure it for himself and friends and to freeze out other holders. It is averred that the profits in that year were $265,000, but that the treasurer's report showed only $155,000."

THE Columbia (Tenn.) *Herald*, referring to the recent transfer of Maj. Isaac Arnold, Ordnance Department, U. S. A., to the command of Watervliet Arsenal, says:

While we regret exceedingly to part with him, we are gratified to see him advanced to a command to which he is entitled by virtue of his rank and ability. Under his supervision have been erected all the nine buildings which now ornament the arsenal grounds at Columbia. They will be monuments to his memory as long as they stand. Every stone and timber in them passed under his trained eyes, and the result is as thorough and beautiful architecture as can be found anywhere in the world. The men under his command are all greatly attached to him. While a typical officer of the Regular Army, he has the social qualities that enable him to mix easily with civilians, and he has many warm personal friends among our people who will miss his companionship greatly. The removal of his family will also be a great loss to the society of Columbia.

A WASHINGTON letter recapitulating the domestic afflictions suffered by the present administration, says:

It will be recalled that the house of Secretary of the Navy Tracy was destroyed by fire and his wife and daughter were burned to death in the ruins. After a long illness the wife of Mr. Halford, the President's private secretary, died. While Mr. Blaine was Secretary of State his favorite son, Walker, was stricken down and never recovered, and soon after his retirement from the Cabinet, within a week or two, another son, Emmons Blaine, died almost without a moment's warning. His daughter, Mrs. Coppinger, wife of Col. Coppinger, U. S. Army, also died while he was a member of the Cabinet, and one of his sisters. Secretary Windom of the Treasury Department, while in New York to make a speech at a banquet, died at the table. The chief usher at the Executive Mansion, Mr. Dinsmore, has died within the year. In the President's own household sorrows came thick and fast. A sister of his wife has died within the past year or two. Mrs. Harrison, after patient suffering, breathed her last in the White House, and was followed a few days after by her venerable father.

GOVERNOR NORMAN WILLEY, of Idaho, in a General Order of Dec. 10, relieves Capt. John Green Ballance, 22d U. S. Inf., from duty, and says:

In relieving Captain Ballance of the responsible duties which have been devolved upon him, the Governor, as Commander-in Chief of the National Guard of Idaho, desires to express his high appreciation of the skill, tact and acumen displayed by Captain Ballance during the last four months as military legal adviser, and rare order of executive ability evinced while in command. The truly great services performed by Captain Ballance for the people of the State of Idaho cannot be overestimated, and the Governor wishes to thus publicly thank him for the wise and sagacious counsel which has so materially assisted in repressing a most formidable insurrection without the shedding of a drop of blood by the military authorities, and rendering life and property in Shoshone County secure from violence, amply protected by the reign of law and peace.

Capt. Ballance was Judge Advocate General and military legal adviser of the State authorities, and afterwards was placed in command and had entire charge of the affairs of Shoshone County under martial law.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

NAVAL ACADEMY.

ANNAPOLIS, MD., Dec. 27, 1892.

A LARGE number of the cadets went on leave last Friday and reluctantly returned Tuesday evening to resume their studies.

The members of the 1st Class who remained at the Academy during Christmas leave were happy to find that they had kindly been remembered by Santa Claus on his rounds. The presents were as appropriate as they were numerous, and ranged from a jumping jack to what appeared to be bunches of cigarettes, but on inspection were found to be only chocolate imitations, somewhat to the disappointment of the recipients, who were in need of the article.

The gunning on the Severn River and in the surrounding country has been very good this fall. On Saturday, Cadets Carver and Sticht went gunning, and, to the surprise of everybody, returned with a well filled game bag, the result of their day's shooting.

A leap year hop was given in the boathouse Friday evening by the ladies in the Yard and proved a great success. All the ladies were dressed alike, in pink dominos, and it was absolutely impossible to recognize a single one. The cadets were at a great disadvantage, as they were not masked, but they enjoyed the evening immensely and regret that the leap year is about ended.

Informal hops were held in the boathouse on Saturday and Monday evenings.

Skating is excellent on all the creeks. The officers, cadets and ladies are enjoying, for the first time in a number of years, this rare winter sport.

Judge John M. Robinson, of the Court of Appeals, and Mrs. Robinson spent Christmas at the Academy, the guests of their daughters, Mrs. Lieut. Fullam and Mrs. Lieut. Lloyd.

Miss Webster, of Omaha, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Shelton.

Lieut. and Mrs. Hodgson, U. S. A., are visiting Lieut. and Mrs. Hodgson.

Mr. and Mrs. Swigart, of Kentucky, are visiting Capt. and Mrs. Phythian.

Miss Fulton gave a party to her young friends on Thursday.

The Christmas tree for the children belonging to the Sunday School was lighted Monday noon and the presents distributed to them.

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The Annapolis *Capital* of Dec. 23 says:

Secretary Tracy stands by the Superintendent of the Naval Academy in his efforts to break up hazing and to maintain discipline among the cadets. This is the result of a consultation between the Secretary and Capt. Phythian held at the Navy Department, Washington, yesterday morning regarding the sixteen cadets who are confined to the prison-ship *Santee* for insubordination. The parents and relatives of some of these cadets have flooded the Department with protests against the action of the Academy officials in confining these cadets to the *Santee*. Those who have not protested have pleaded for the release of their boys in order that they may spend the Christmas holidays at home. These pleadings, however, are in vain. All those who have properly conducted themselves since their confinement will be released before Christmas day, but will not be allowed to leave the limits of the Academy grounds. Three or four who have shown an unruly spirit will not only have to eat their Christmas dinner on board the old prison-ship, but will be kept in confinement for some weeks longer."

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The Executive Committee of the Naval Academy Athletic Association, in a circular signed "G. A. Merriam, Lieutenant, U. S. N., Secretary," congratulates the association at the close of the football season of 1892, upon the satisfactory results that have been accomplished since its organization. He says: "There is a growing sentiment that, as the association has for its object the encouragement of manly sports throughout the service, its name should be changed to the Navy Auxiliary Athletic Association, and it is probable that this change will be made The record of our football team this year shows how much can be accomplished, by a little encouragement, towards putting the excellent material always at hand into winning form. The fine team work so generally and favorably commented upon by the public press since the West Point game, was due entirely to good and constant coaching this season. The Army team is already assured of every assistance, and for us to be again victorious requires a united and thoroughly harmonious effort on our part. While the support during the past year has been very gratifying and sufficient, success cannot be attained and victories won without competent coaching. Will you not assist to insure adequate and proper coaching of the Navy representatives for future contests. A competent coach can be engaged as soon as funds are assured. A prompt answer is very desirable and will facilitate matters very much."

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT HAMILTON, N. Y. HARBOR.

DEC. 26, 1892.

CHRISTMAS has come and gone. The morn was heralded by that brilliant aurora which gives the artist his happy effect. The post was bathed in the symbolic "sheen of pure sunlight" throughout the day, and wore, with attested appreciation, the natural embellishments so befitting the celebration of the joyous festival. The quarters were canopied with large quantities of evergreen, holly, laurel, etc., and their usual superb dinner was served at their respective batteries. Owing to the snow all military manœuvres have been discontinued until further orders, and all drills are held in quarters.

Capt. Shaw is spending the holidays with his family. He will probably rejoin his battery on the first of New Year.

The enlisted men of the garrison are to give their first grand masquerade ball on the second week in February, and will be held at Koch's, Bay View Park, Bay Ridge. A pleasant time is in store for all friends and admirers who shall attend.

MADISON BARRACKS.

THE subjects selected for the current lyceum season, under the direction of Col. Bartlett, are as follows: "Riots of 1892," Capt. Regan; "Transportation of Armies," Capt. Rockefeller; "Recruiting and Instruction of Recruits," Capt. Baldwin; "Command," Capt. Robertson; "Target Practice," Capt. McCaleb; "Military Establishment of Canada," Lieut. Baxter; "Land Defence of Sackett's Harbor," Lieut. Dodds; "Observations of a Military Character in Canada," Lieut. Noyes; "Land Defence of Sackett's Harbor," Lieut. Anderson; "Use of the Telegraph in Warlike Operations," Lieut. Reichman; "Discipline," Lieut. Brewster; "The Army and the Indians," Lieut. Elliot, and "Post Exchange," Lieut. Yates. These are certainly subjects of interest.

THE report of the board which recently made a survey of the engines and boilers of the *Concord* has been approved, and new tubes will be given the boilers, besides other extensive repairs found necessary. The *Concord* has done a great deal of hard service since going into commission, and this overhauling is the first of the cruise.

THE NAVY

BENJAMIN F. TRACY, *Secretary of the Navy*
JAMES R. SOLEY, *Assistant Secretary of the Navy*

NAVAL VESSELS IN COMMISSION.

WHEN AND WHERE LAST HEARD FROM.

N. Atl. Station.—A.-R.-Admi. John G. Walker.

Address care Commandant, New York.

PHILADELPHIA, 2d rate, 12 guns. Capt. A. S. Barker. At New York Navy-yard.

CONCORD, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander Edwin White. At Norfolk Va., where she will be fitted out for winter's cruise.

ATLANTA, 2d rate, 8 guns, Capt. F. J. Higginson. Sailed from Norfolk, Va., Dec. 26, for Port Au Prince, Hayti, with Minister Durnam on board. From there will proceed to La Guayra.

CHICAGO, 2d rate, 14 guns, flagship. Capt. John F. McGlensey. At New York. Address mail care Commandant, New York Navy-yard. Will be repaired.

KEARSARGE, 3d rate, 7 guns, Comdr. A. S. Crowninshield. At La Guayra. Orders to return North have been cancelled. Will continue to cruise along Venzuelan Coast.

MIANTONOMOH, monitor, 2d rate, 4 guns, Captain Montgomery Sicard, comdg. At New York Navy-yard.

VESUVIUS, 4th rate, 3 guns, dynamite cruiser, Lt. Seaton Schroeder, comdg. At New York. Will soon go to Port Royal, S. C., for exhaustive trial of her guns.

S. Atl. Sta'n.—Rear-Admiral A. E. K. Benham.

The mail matter for ships on this station should be addressed "Care of the United States Consul, Montivideo, Uruguay, or care of R. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London." Letters sent to Rio Janeiro are frequently subjected to very long delays, owing to fumigation and other reasons.

NEWARK, flagship, 2d rate, 12 guns. Captain Silas Casey. Arrived at Smyrna, Dec. 22, and will proceed to Marsailles, Naples and Cadiz for the purpose of bringing the exhibit of the Vatican to this country and the French exhibit will also help convoy caravels to Havana.

BENNINGTON, 3d rate, 6 guns, Commander R. B. Bradford. At Cadiz, Spain. Will convoy caravels to U. S.

ESSEX, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. Wm. W. Mead. At Montevideo, Uruguay, Nov. 15. Will probably soon be ordered home, as the time of her officers and men are about up.

YANTIC, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. Samuel Belden. Montevideo, Uraguay, Oct. 15.

Pacific Station—Actg. Rear Admi. Geo. Brown

Commo. J. S. Skerrett ordered to command Jan. 10.

Address all mail to Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. unless otherwise noted.

ADAMS, 3d rate. Comdr. Thomas Nelson. Cruising in Bering Sea. Arrived at San Francisco Dec. 19.

ALLIANCE, 3d rate, 6 guns, Comdr. W. H. Whiting. Arrived at Samoa from Honolulu Dec. 13. All well. Affairs on the island quiet.

BOSTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain G. C. Wiltse. At Honolulu, S. I. Capt. B. F. Day ordered to command per steamer of Feb. 3 from San Francisco.

MOHICAN, 3d rate, 10 guns, Comdr. Henry L. Johnson. At Mare Island, Cal. Flagship of the Pacific Station, and after repairs will probably sail for Honolulu.

RANGER, 3d rate, Commander E. Longnecker. At San Francisco, Cal. It is intended to send her to Honolulu as soon as repairs are completed.

THETIS, 3d rate, 2 machine guns. Comdr. Geo. C. Reiter. Sailed from Mare Island, Cal., Dec. 12, for surveying duty on lower coast of California.

Special Service Squadron—Rear Admiral Bancroft Gherardi.

BALTIMORE, flagship, 2d rate, 10 guns, Capt. W. R. Bridgman. Was to have sailed Dec. 26 for Montevideo, but no official information has been received of her departure.

CHARLESTON, 2d rate, 8 guns, Captain Henry F. Picking. Same as Baltimore.

SAN FRANCISCO, 2d rate, 13 guns, Captain J. C. Watson. Same as Baltimore.

YORKTOWN, 3d rate, 6 guns. Commander Frank Wildes. Same as Baltimore.

Asiatic Station.—Rear Admi. D. B. Harmony

Address all mail Yokohama, Japan.

ALERT, 3d rate, 4 guns, Comdr. Geo. R. Durand. At Yokohama Oct. 27.

LANCASTER, 2d rate, 10 guns, flagship, Capt. A. H. McCormick. At Woosung, China, Oct. 27.

MONOCACY, Comdr. F. M. Barber, 3d rate 6 guns. Arrived at Shanghai Oct. 26.

MARION, flagship, 3d rate, 8 guns. Comdr. C. V. Gridley. Arrived at Chefoo Oct. 21. Was to leave Oct. 31 for Shanghai.

PALOS, 4th rate, 6 guns. Lieut. Comdr. J. J. Hunker. At Nagasaki, Japan, Sept. 1. Under orders to be sold. Ordered stricken from Navy list Oct. 11.

PETREL, 4th rate, 4 guns. Lieut.-Comdr. M. R. S. Mackenzie. Lieut.-Comdr. J. H. Dayton ordered to command per steamer of Jan. 24 from San Francisco. At Shanghai Oct. 27. As soon as ready for sea will leave for Nagasaki.

Apprentice Training Squadron.

PORTSMOUTH, 12 guns, Comdr. C. D. Sigsbee. At Navy-yard, New York. To leave Jan. 1 for her winter cruise in the West Indies.

RICHMOND, 3d rate, 14 guns. Capt. F. M. Bunce. At Newport, R. I. (Receiving ship for boys).

MINNESOTA, 19 guns. Receiving ship for boys. Capt. E. E. Potter. At dock foot of West 50th street N. Y. City. P. O. Station G, New York.

MONONGAHELA, Comdr. T. A. Lyons. On her winter's practice cruise. Arrived at Lisbon Dec. 25. The itinerary of the cruise will be as follows: Leave Lisbon about December 28 for Funchal, Madeira; from Funchal about Jan. 8 for Porto Praya, Cape Verde Islands; from Porto Praya about Jan. 28 for Bridgetown, Barbadoes, with expectation of reaching latter port about Feb. 23. Mail should be addressed care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar Square, London.

On Special Service.

AND AWAITING ASSIGNMENT.

CUSHING, torpedo boat, Lieut. F. F. Fletcher commanding. At Newport, Dec. 21.

DOLPHIN, 3d rate, despatch boat, 2 guns. Comdr. W. H. Brownson, comdg. At Washington Navy-yard.

FERN, fourth rate despatch vessel, Lieut. Comdr. W. C. Gibson. At New York Navy-yard.

MICHIGAN, 4th rate, 4 guns, (2 howitzers and 2 Gatlings). Comdr. Geo. E. Wingate. At Buffalo, N. Y., where new boilers are being put in.

PINTA, 4th rate, 4 howitzers. Lieut.-Comdr. Washburn Maynard. At Sitka, Alaska, at last accounts.

SARATOGA, Comdr. F. M. Green, nautical school ship of Pennsylvania. Address Philadelphia.

ST. MARY'S, sails, 8 guns, Comdr. John McGowan, Jr. Public Marine School, New York.

CONSTELLATION, 10 guns (practice ship of Naval Academy). Comdr. C. F. Goodrich. Reported at Havre, France, Dec. 24, to be docked there.

ENTERPRISE, 3d rate, 6 guns. Lt.-Comdr. J. F. Merry. At Boston, Mass.

Receiving Ships, Iron-Clads, Etc.

DALE, Comdr. E. S. Houston. Receiving-ship Navy-yard, Washington, D. C.

FRANKLIN, 80 guns, Capt. Rush R. Wallace. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE, 7 howitzers. Capt. C. S. Cotton Receiving ship. Navy-yard, Mare Island, Cal.

ST. LOUIS, sails, Comdr. C. H. Rockwell. Receiving ship. Navy-yard, League Island, Pa.

VERMONT, 1 gun. Capt. J. N. Miller Receiving ship. Navy-yard, New York.

WABASH, 20 guns, Capt. Jas. O'Kane. Receiving ship, Navy-yard, Boston, Mass.

The armor-clads *Ajax*, *Catskill*, *Canonicus*, *Lehigh*, *Chickahominy*, *Manhattan* and *Wyandotte*, in command of Comdr. G. W. Pigman, are laid up near Richmond, Va. P. O. address, Richmond, Va.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

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THE hull of the Navy-yard tug *Ivy*, née *Monterey*, sold at Mare Island for $1,300, cost $30,000, and machinery engines were sent from the East.

FROM private letters received from the *Adams*, it appears that her late trip from Sitka to San Francisco was one of the worst on record. Head winds and stormy weather nearly the entire voyage.

THE London *Army and Navy Gazette* says: "The annual reports of the chiefs of the United States Naval Departments are now appearing in our American contemporaries, and contain a vast amount of valuable information."

AS THE result of successful experiments liquid fuel is to be used on some of the French war vessels, but only as an auxiliary in combination with coal, to enable higher speed to be obtained with forced draught at any time when needed, and for an indefinite period.

THE Japanese boys on the *Kongo* at San Francisco are not heavy enough for some of their boats and a cutter load of them came near going to sea one morning on account of their inability to beat a seven knot tide. They were rescued and towed home by a steam launch.

THE Navy Department will shortly issue another book of general orders, and circulars which have been promulgated since the last publication in January, 1887. The work of compilation and indexing is being done by Mr. M. A. Thompson, the clerk in charge of the order and stationery division.

TRIALS of the submarine boat designed by Signor Pullino are being continued at Spezzia. Both as regard to submersion, which may be extended to a depth of about 39 feet, and to the handling of the boat and its torpedoes, the results are said to be satisfactory. Greater power, however, is required in the electric accumulators.

THE Salem, Mass., *News* has been informed, on high official authority as to the greed for municipal recognition in warship nomenclature, that "not only is the Naval Department bombarded with communications from local dignitaries, commissions and societies, but the offices of Congressmen and Senators are solicited to bring about the desired choice."

THE Schichau works at Elbing are building eight torpedo boats for the German Navy, which are to replace six boats of the *Schutze* class which have been struck out of the list. The new boats will be 144 ft. 4 in. in length and 18 ft. in beam, and will have a displacement of 140 tons. The engines will be of 1,560 indicated horse-power, and will give a speed of 22 knots.

AN oyster schooner capsized in a heavy squall at the entrance to Annapolis harbor Dec. 24. Lt. Comdr. W. H. Reeder, of the U. S. *Santee*, sent a steam launch in charge of Boatswain Sinclair to the rescue, and the crew of eight men was saved. The men were much exhausted from the cold and exposure, and the launch reached them none too soon. They were taken on board the *Santee* and well cared for.

THE Antartic Exploring Expedition, which sailed last September for Graham's Land, consists of two 400 ton wooden Dundee whaling ships, *Balæna*, *Active* and *Diana*, provided with auxiliary steam, and protected against the ice. They expected to return next summer, bringing observations of temperature, collections of surface organisms, and shore specimens, birds, rocks, and observations on ocean currents, as well as samples of seawater. A surgeon with a special training for scientific observation accompanies each vessel, and an artist and photographer are also with the party.

As legal difficulties attend the distribution of the $75,000 now in the Treasury for distribution among those claiming damages under the settlement with Chili, Secretary Tracy proposes to refer the matter to Congress for special legislation.

COMMANDER EDWIN WHITE, U. S. N., was at the Department a few days ago on business connected with his vessel, the *Concord*, and speaks in the highest terms of the ship. On the completion of the repairs now going on it is likely that the *Concord* will make a short cruise to the southward, returning to New York in time for the grand naval review of next year.

IT is believed that within the year now just beginning the Pacific coast will be provided with an additional ironclad for the defence of the "Golden Gate." The *Monadnock*, at the Mare Island Navy-yard, is nearing completion, and as soon as ready for sea she will be commissioned for service in San Francisco Bay. The *Monadnock* is of the same general type with the *Miantonomoh*, now at the New York Navy-yard, but is being fitted with triple expansion engines.

A CABLE to the *Herald* from Paris says; "It has been decided that the French section of the World's Fair will be under the supervision of a detachment of French sailors, commanded by Lieut. Testu de Balincourt. A detachment composed of nine officers and twenty sailors will leave Brest for the United States during January. While at Chicago the men will receive, in addition to their usual pay, a rations allowance of 5¼ francs per day, and the officers from 11¼ to 7¼ francs, according to rank."

THE incorrectness of the British charts is shown by the fact that H. M. S. *Howe* is now resting on rocks, where, if the survey had been accurate, a considerable depth of water should be found. The chart, which is of Spanish origin, dates back to the last century, when in 1789 a Brigadier in "The Spanish Naval Army" made a geometrical survey of the port. It is said to have been corrected in 1873, but the corrections made then could only have been partial, for the survey since the *Howe* was wrecked has shown it to be still inaccurate in many respects.

THE official trial of the coast defence ship *Monterey*, according to a despatch from San Francisco, Dec. 28, has been postponed one week. The preliminary trial on Dec. 28 did not develop sufficient horse power to satisfy the contractors, although the contract requirements, it is said, were nearly reached. The engines worked splendidly, and the revolutions averaged about 150 a minute. The ship went the course between Hunter's Point and Red Rock four times. She will be docked to alter the pitch of her screws. The Ward coil boilers now make more steam than can be used by the engines. There was no objectionable amount of vibration. The weather and sea conditions were favorable.

COMDR. ROBLEY D. EVANS, Naval Secretary of the Lighthouse Board, asserts that the Schirm flash light recently experimented with for coast light purposes by a lighthouse board at Tompkinsville, New York, though it claims to be a foreign idea, is almost similar to one gotten up by himself and Lieut. W. M. Wood, which was patented Dec. 11, 1877. The Schirm light, he said, was an excellent one, but more complicated than the Evans and Wood lamp, which has been tested by the Navy Department and by the Signal Corps in the Army, and found to work well. The new invention causes a much more intense light than that of electricity. Maj. Heap, who conducted the tests at Tompkinsville, reports that the Schirm light is an infringement of the American patent.

THE Argentine twin screw armor-clad ram *Libertad*, built by the Lairds, has lately completed her trial with the most satisfactory result. She and her sister ship are practically a new type of war vessels, representing the most recent and approved naval ideas. She is on the general plan of the Royal Sovereign and Roval Oak class. Her speed is over 13 knots and turns very quickly, having a large balanced rudder. Her armament is unusually powerful for a vessel of her size, two 24 centimetre Krupps, mounted *en barbette*, each covering an area of 200 deg.; four 4.7 in. Armstrong Q.F. guns; four 3 pounder Maxim-Nordenfeldts; two 1 in. three barrel Maxim-Nordenfeldt machine guns; two machine guns in the upper top, and torpedo injectors for 18 in. Whiteheads. The crew for the vessel have arrived in the *Almirante Brown*, and the vessel will soon be on her way across the Atlantic.

SPEAKING of the bids for the new vessels of the Navy, the San Francisco *Examiner* says: "We believe it to the advantage of the country to have a great warship-building plant maintained on this coast. It is well that there should be as many yards and as widely scattered in different sections as possible. Such a condition of affairs will lead to closer bidding and a wider interest in the Navy. Furthermore, another vessel is needed on the Pacific Coast. None of the first-class cruisers have been built here. The largest is the *Olympia*, launched recently, and she is only 5,500 tons and unarmored, as against the 8,150 tons and protecting armor of the *Brooklyn*. Such a vessel is needed in the Pacific and no better time can be found in which to build it. As soon as the *Oregon* is launched there will be no Government vessel on the stocks here unless a new warship is begun. The way should be found to have the *Brooklyn* built here."

THERE is quite a rivalry among the Lieutenant-Commanders for the command of the Naval Academy practice vessel *Bancroft*. Lieut. Comdr. Dayton had been slated for this command, but he has received orders to the *Petrel* instead, and now the woods are full of candidates for the command, which Lieut.-Comdr. Dayton did not get. This is not strange considering that there are so few ships available for Lieutenant-Commanders, and there are so many officers of this rank who prefer the responsibility of an independent command to the duties of an executive officer. It was hoped that the two 1,050 gunboats building by the Bath Iron Works would be given to Lieutenant-Commanders, but the Department has literally construed the regulation making all vessels over 1,000 tons displacement commander's commands. Commander Train has been assigned to the command of the *Mohican*, and Comdr. Perry to the *Castine*.

CHIEF CONSTRUCTOR T. D. WILSON is confined to his home with pneumonia. His condition during the early part of the week greatly alarmed his friends, but better tidings have since come from the sick room, and his ultimate recovery is now looked for.

OWING to the absence of Secretary Tracy during the past week, the final award of the contracts for the armored cruiser *Brooklyn* and battleship *Iowa* remains unsettled. The probabilities are that the Messrs. Cramp will get both vessels.

APPLICATIONS for the vacancy in the grade of Assistant Paymaster caused by the death of Pay Director Clarke, are pouring in on the Secretary of the Navy.

A CABLEGRAM via Auckland received at the Navy Department on Thursday announced the arrival of the *Alliance* at Samoa on Dec. 13. All are well and affairs on the island reported quiet.

IT is understood that Capt. Edward E. Potter, commanding the receiving-ship *Minnesota*, is slated for the command of the Norfolk Navy-yard on Jan. 9 next, when Commander Weaver will be detached and ordered to duty in Washington.

ORDERS were issued from the Navy Department on Thursday directing Rear Admiral Benham to proceed, with the *Newark*, from Smyrna to Marseilles for the purpose of taking on the French exhibit for the World's Fair, thence to Naples for the Vatican exhibit and then to Cadiz. From there the *Newark* and the *Bennington* will sail about Feb. 10 with the two caravels in tow for Havana.

NAVY GAZETTE.

Ordered.

DEC. 23.—Acting Gunner H J. Tressett, to duty at the Naval Ordnance Proving Ground Jan. 4 next.

DEC. 24.—Captain B. F. Day, to command the Boston, per steamer of Feb. 3 next from San Francisco.

Medical Inspector C. H. White, to special duty at the Smithsonian Institute.

DEC. 28.—Lieut.-Commander J. C. Rich, to the training-ship Minnesota, Jan. 9 next.

Assistant Surgeon John M. Moore, to the Navy-yard, New York.

Detached.

DEC. 17.—P. A. Surgeon J. W. Baker, from the receiving-ship Wabash and ordered to the nautical school-ship Enterprise.

DEC. 23.—Lieut.-Commander H. B. Mansfield, from the Navy-yard, New York, Jan. 10 next, and ordered to the receiving-ship Vermont.

Lieut.-Commander James H. Dayton, from the receiving-ship Vermont Jan. 10 next and ordered to command the Petrel, per steamer of Jan. 24 next from San Francisco.

Lieut.-Commander M. R. S. Mackenzie, from the command of the Petrel on the reporting of his relief and ordered to return home and report arrival.

Naval Cadet A. S. McLemore, from the Atlanta and ordered to the Concord.

DEC. 24.—Captain G. C. Wiltze, from the command of the Boston on the reporting of his relief and ordered to return home and report arrival.

Commander George A. Converse, from duty in the Bureau of Ordnance Dec. 30, and ordered as inspector of ordnance in charge of the torpedo station Jan. 2 next.

Commander T. F. Jewell, as inspector of ordnance in charge of the torpedo station Jan. 2 next and ordered as superintendent of the naval gun factory, Navy-yard, Washington.

Surgeon P. M. Rixey, from special duty in Washington and granted leave for one month.

Surgeon W. S. Dixon, from special duty at the Smithsonian Institute and ordered to special duty at Washington, D. C., Jan. 5 next.

DEC. 27.—Acting Rear Admiral Geo. Brown, from command of the Pacific Station on the reporting of his relief, ordered to return home, and granted three months' leave.

Lieutenant George L. Dyer, from the Mohican, ordered to return home, and granted three months' leave.

DEC. 28.—Lieut.-Commander C. C. Todd, from the training ship Minnesota, Jan. 9 next, and ordered to duty at the Navy-yard, New York.

Chief Engineer B. B. H. Wharton, from the Lancaster, ordered to proceed home, and report arrival.

Chief Engineer W. S. Smith, from the Marion and ordered to the Lancaster.

P. A. Engineer Richard Inch, from the Lancaster and ordered to the Marion.

Resigned.

Assistant Surgeon J. M. Whitfield, to take effect from Dec. 17, 1892.

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No. 117. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1892.

APOTHECARIES.

Hereafter all apothecaries for vessels in commission shall be enlisted for general service.

B. F. TRACY, Secretary of the Navy.

REVENUE MARINE SERVICE.

DEC. 24.—2d Lieuts. W. G. Ross and K. W. Perry and 3d Lieut. C. S. Cochrane have been placed on waiting orders at expiration of leaves of absence.

Capt. J. G. Baker, commanding the Seward, at Shieldsboro, Miss., died at Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 22.

Capt. Alfred H. Davis, of the U. S. revenue cutter Johnson, says that the present revenue vessels on the great lakes must be replaced by more modern vessels if, so long as the 1817 treaty exists, the defence of the great lakes is to be intrusted to the Revenue Marine. The new revenue cutters, he said, demanded on the lakes should have rapid-fire batteries. There was needed a powerful and fast vessel for Lake Michigan, if only for the purpose of rendering assistance to commerce. If the vessel for which Congress is to be asked, to replace the Johnson, is to be available for other service than that of a revenue cutter, her commander must be given a serviceable battery.

APROPOS of the recent visit of H. B. M. S. *Melpomene* to San Diego, Lieut. M. R. Peterson, 10th U. S. Infantry, visited her as the representative of Lieut.-Col. E. R. Kellogg, 10th U. S. Infantry, commanding San Diego Barracks, and subsequently many social courtesies were exchanged. A San Diego paper quotes an officer of the *Melpomene* as saying: "We are only cruising around to show the British hose in the obscure Mexican ports."

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

IN an early number of the *Century* will appear "A Defence of Russia," written by the Secretary of the Russian Legation at Washington, and presenting the Russian point of view as to certain matters of internal administration which have excited the criticism of the outside world—notably the expulsion of the Jews.

"*A Natural Method of Physical Training*, Making Muscle and Reducing Flesh Without Dieting or Apparatus," is described by Edward Checkley in a volume of which William C. Bryant and Co., Brooklyn, New York, have issued a revised and enlarged edition with numerous illustrations by H. D. Eggleston. Mr. Checkley offers us the comforting assurance that given the same training our modern athletes would greatly surpass the Greek records. The world "is producing men of finer form than it has hitherto produced." There is much exaggeration in the stories of Greek prowess, and Plato tells us that in their statues of athletes the soulptors took considerable liberties.

"*Best Dressed Man*, a Gossip on Manners and Modes," published by a London Tailor, J. W. Doré, 25 Conduit St., W. London, is apparently a tailor's advertisement, but it is lively reading and has some good hints on the subject of dressing.

"*An Artist in Crime*," by Rogriques Ottolengui, published by G. P. Putnam's Sons, is one of those detective stories in which plot and counter plot fit into one another like hand to glove, and concerning which the author can say with Emerson, "I am the slayer and the slain." In this particular story the criminal and the detective form a sort of partnership arrangement, and are on the most amicable terms. It shows much ingenuity in conception, and is an interesting narrative of crime that has in it no stain of sin. To solve the riddle one must read the book.

Worthington and Co. have added to their library of light literature "Beyond Atonement," by Marie Von Ebner-Eschenbach, translated by Mary A. Robinson, illustrated with several "process" engravings. Worthington and Co. are closing up their retail business, and are selling their stock at reduced prices, intending henceforth to confine themselves to the wholesale trade.

It is hard to give fresh impressions of scenes familiarized by constant travel and description, but Mr. Poultney Bigelow has succeeded in doing this in his "*Paddles and Politics Down the Danube*," published by Charles L. Webster and Co. Floating in a canoe down this great river, which carries the voyager from the Black Forest down to and through the iron gates into the Black Sea, from the heart of Europe to the borders of Asia, much is to be seen that gives new impressions of life, when it is as well described as it is here. The work has an incidental interest as the one that so excited the ire of the Russian officials that its author was sent across the frontier when he ventured within their territory. It is unstinted in praise of the German Emperor, who was the boy playmate and is still the warm friend of its author.

"*99 Practical Methods of Utilizing Boiled Beef*," and the original recipe for stewed chicken by Babt, is a work "translated from the French by A. R.," and published by John Ireland, 1,199 Broadway, New York.

"*The Great Streets of the World*" are described by Richard Harding Davis, Andrew Lang, Francesque Sarcey, Isabel F. Hopgood, W. W. Story, Henry James and Paul Laudau in an elegant illustrated octavo volume, published by Charles Scribner's Sons, at the price of four dollars. Graphic description by skilled writers fittingly accompanies charming international illustrations by Frost, Almend, Jeannist, Tito, Zezzas, Stahl and Repin, and the two have their appropriate setting in fine paper, handsome printing and tasty binding. These descriptions of the great centres of civilized activity first appeared in *Scribner's Monthly* and are worthy of this second presentation to the public. What traveller will miss the opportunity this volume offers to wander once more through Broadway, Piccadily, the Boulevards, the Corso, the Nevsky Prospekt, Unter denlinden, or to float along the Grand Canal; and what untravelled man can see so much of life at so small an expense?

If the Scribners in their volume tell us how to enjoy the great highways of the world, John Wiley and Sons tell us how to build them in their volume entitled "*A Treatise on Highway Construction*," designed as a text book and book of reference for all who may be engaged in the location, construction or maintenance of roads, streets and pavements, by Austen T. Byrne, C. E. The appearance of the volume is well timed. An active discussion has arisen as to the importance of improving our thoroughfares, and this work will give a practical turn to the discussion, which is daily assuming greater importance. Its usefulness is by no means confined to a professional class. Every man who owns even a city front on a public street or road ought to interest him in its proper care and to do so intelligently he needs just the information this volume contains. It will show him the comparative cost and the comparative value of different styles of road construction, and will enable him to form an intelligent opinion as to the thoroughness of any work done upon ways for which he is expected to pay in taxes.

Harper and Brothers publish "*Moltke, His Life and Character*, Sketched in Journals, Letters, Memoirs, a Novel and Autobiographical Notes, translated by Mary Herms, with illustrations from drawings by Moltke, portraits and fac-simile letters." A pedigree of at least 500 years lies back of Von Moltke's inheritance of high ability, and the immediate ancestors descended from the Baron Von Moltke, the father of the Field Marshal, was a soldier, as was his father's great grandfather, who was a special favorite of Gustavus Adolphus, and retired in 1646 as colonel, though he might have become a major general. This is an interesting volume, which every soldier should read.

THE 2,000 ton war vessel *Detroit*, built by the Columbia Iron Works, of Baltimore, will be given her official trial trip, it is expected about Jan. 10.

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ARMY PROMOTIONS.

ALTHOUGH Jan. 1 is the date fixed for the new system of examination for Army officers to go into effect, it will be three months before any officers will be called upon to under a practical test of the new system. It will require some months yet to absorb all the officers who have proven their fitness for promotion under the old system, and it seems to be the desire of the War Department to allow officers who will be entitled to promotion as much time as possible to prepare for the increased standard prescribed. Besides the new guard manual in which questions will be asked has not yet been published, and it is only fair to candidates for promotion that they should be allowed a reasonable time to "bone up" on this subject. The following Army promotions are due and will be nominated to the Senate immediately after the holidays:

In the Subsistence Department—Lieut. Col. Thos. C. Sullivan to be colonel vice Hawkins, appointed Commissary General; Maj. Wm. H. Bell to be lieutenant colonel vice Sullivan, promoted; Capt. Chas. A. Woodruff to be major vice Bell, promoted. In the Artillery—2d Lieut. C. T. Menoher, 1st Art., to be 1st lieutenant, 3d Art., vice Eaton, appointed A. Q. M.; 2d Lieut. T. Bentley Mott, 1st Art., to be 1st lieutenant, 2d Art., vice Dudley, appointed A. Q. M.; 2d Lieut. Gustavus W. F. Stevens to be 1st lieutenant, 1st Art., vice Bliss, appointed Assistant Commissary.

The year 1892 closes with the following vacancies in the Army: Second lieutenancies in the line—Cavalry six, artillery one, infantry fourteen; Asst. Adjt. General, one; Asst. Commissary, one; Asst. Surgeons, nine, and lieutenancies in the Ordnance Department, one.

IT may be of interest to note that the Emil Frey, reported in a cable despatch last week as having been elected Vice President of the Swiss Republic, once served as a private in the U. S. Volunteers. When the late war broke out, young Frey, seized with a patriotic impulse to aid a struggling sister republic, left the university in Switzerland, came to this country, and, without hanging around Washington for a commission, after the manner of other "distinguished foreigners," went directly to a Swiss colony in Illinois, and entered the ranks of a company there forming. He served with his regiment, the 28th Illinois Vols., until he resigned as 2d lieutenant, June 17, 1862, to raise a company for the 82d Illinois, in which he served as captain until mustered out with it, June, 1865, having served about four years, constantly in the field. He was captured with part of the Eleventh Corps on the eventful 1st of July, 1863, at Gettysburg, and for a long time held as hostage, under sentence of death, for certain Confederate officers alleged to have been placed in a similar position by the Union forces, and was brevetted major for gallant and meritorious services. At the close of the war he returned to Switzerland, where he obtained the highest rank next to the commander in-chief, that of colonel-brigadier in the Federal Army, his brevet as major in the U. S. Vols. being credited to him in his promotion. He was elected to the Swiss Federal Council, and served in the Cabinet. He revisited this country as the first Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of his country to the United States, serving through the administrations of Presidents Arthur and Cleveland. As the Vice President of Switzerland is, as a rule, chosen President in the succeeding year, we may expect the unprecedented event of seeing a late private in the United States Army as the chief magistrate of a European republic.

BY the time this number of the JOURNAL reaches many of its readers a New Year will have dawned and 1892 will have been laid away with its predecessors for future reference. Matters in the Services have been active during the year, on sea and land, and the watchword has been progress in professional skill and efficiency. To one and all we wish a happy New Year and lots of good things from Congress, although we feel a little doubtful of the liberality of Congress in Service matters this year. We hope that none of our readers hung up their stockings on Christmas eve hoping to find Congressional favors in them.

THE case of Bird L. Fletcher, late captain, U.S.A., retired, involving the validity of the proceedings and sentence of a Court-martial dismissing him from the Service, was submitted on brief in the Supreme Court last week. An opinion is looked for on Jan. 9. It is awaited with considerable interest as there is a general desire to know what the highest legal tribunal in the land has to say concerning the jurisdiction of a Court-martial over officers, involving indebtedness, Mr. George A. King, the attorney for Fletcher, in a long and well written argument submitted to the Court, contends that a mere failure to pay a debt does not constitute conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and that as there was nothing scandalous or dishonest in Captain Fletcher's failure to pay the debts involved in the charges preferred against him, the whole proceedings were void in law. He says: "The jurisdiction of every tribunal is always liable to be re-examined collaterally in every court in which its judgments are drawn in question. More especially must this be so with Courts-martial, composed, as they are, of judges whose habits and modes of thought have but ill fitted them for the calm and impartial examination of questions of guilt or innocence, whose decisions are subject to no appeal, and some of whose actions have recently been too truly characterized by a high authority."

NEGOTIATIONS for another military ride in Europe, this time from Venice to Rome and from Rome to Venice, are in progress. The distance is 1,200 kilometres (about 745 miles.)

CONAN DOYLE proposes that the British War Office should send to Chicago three crack regimental bands and a squadron of the Horse Guards.

A CORRESPONDENT at one of the military posts in the Department of the East complains to us of the delay in action upon proceedings of court-martials in his case, thus doing him injustice, etc. Feeling assured that Major-General Howard, the commander of the Department of the East, would certainly do no enlisted man an injustice under any circumstances, we caused inquiry to be made, and have ascertained that the General, being expected to arrive at Governor's Island from Europe a fortnight earlier than he did, (the steamship *Spree* broke down and he had to wait for the *Havel*,) several court-martial proceedings were held for his action, as he might arrive any day. He returned the night of Dec. 14, was at his headquarters bright and early the next morning, Dec. 15, and before noon disposed of the whole of the court-martial cases awaiting his action, and the official court-martial order was prepared for promulgation. As there may be others interested in the matter, we have been particular to ascertain the facts.

THE list of officers found disabled by retiring boards and awaiting retirement continues to grow. It now comprises an even dozen as follows: Post Chaplains S. M. Merrill and J. D. Parker, Capt. J. H. Hurst, 12th Inf.; Capt. W. W. Daugherty, 22d Inf.; Capt. J. P. Thompson, 3d Inf.; Capt. Wm. Hoffman, 11th Inf.; Lieuts. George L. Converse and E. S. Robins, 3d Cav.; Lieut. R. De H. Waite, 5th Cav.; Lt. Lewis Merriam, 4th Inf.; Lieut. C. A. Churchill, 5th Inf.; and 2d Lieut. Hampton Roach, 1st Inf. In addition to the above the following have been found physically disqualified for promotion by examining boards and will be retired when vacancies occur with the next highest rank: 1st Lt. E. S. Curtis, 2d Art.; Lieut. George B. Backus, 1st Cav., and Lieut. Chas. B. Gatewood, 6th Cav. There are only two vacancies on the limited retired list at the present time. These will probably be filled by the retirement of two of the three officers who have applied under the 30 year law.

THE American Federation of Labor held its convention in Philadelphia week before last. Among the subjects discussed was that of the use of the Army, the militia and irregular armed bodies in suppressing labor outbreaks. The special committee of nine, to whom the subject was referred, recommended that a Board of Commissioners be elected in each State by Congressional districts; they to have, in conjunction with the Governor, the sole power to call out the militia in case of labor troubles or strikes, this power to be exercised only upon a petition signed by at least one-fourth of the qualified voters of the county wherein the troubles may exist. They further recommended that the Federation and its affiliated bodies refuse to permit its members to enlist in the National Guard in any State and request those now enlisted to withdraw as soon as they can lawfully do so, unless the above recommendations be adopted. The report was vigorously attacked by Delegate Iden, who said: "Men have a right to strike, but strikers have no right to resort to lawlessness. When the Sheriff found his authority to enforce the laws defied, it was right to call upon the militia. It was more to the interest of the workingmen to preserve peace than to that of the rich, because anarchy means disaster to the poor. The remedy for the present condition of things is at the polls." Delegate Lennon spoke in the same strain. Delegate Marden said that the fault was not with the militia, but with the working people themselves. He was a member of the militia in 1861 which fought for the preservation of the Government. Had it not been for the militia the delegates would not now be in session in Independence Hall. After further discussion the report was rejected and a substitute unanimously adopted, recommending in substance that the workmen get control of the militia by the use of the ballot on election day. This, it was urged, would give to members and friends of the working classes, and not to the agents of monopoly, command of the military and other departments of our State and National Governments.

The proposition now before Congress to appropriate $1,500,000 for an encampment of 50,000 troops at or near Chicago from Aug. 5 to Aug. 20, 1893, is in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee of Officers of the National Guard or Volunteer Militia, and the members of that organization are actively interesting themselves in securing the passage of the bill. In resolutions on the subject passed by the Convention on motion of Gen. Ordway it was declared that one of the principles on which our form of government was founded being that its defence should depend on a well-organized militia, it seems most fitting that in exhibiting to the world our wealth and prosperity, we should also exhibit the fact that we have the means and strength to defend and protect them without maintaining such vast standing armies as are found necessary under other forms of government. And that the mobilization and general encampment of the reserve military force is a necessary part of their instruction. It will certainly seem wise to take advantage of this opportunity to give our State troops an object lesson in mobilization and concert of action in large bodies, and we trust that Congress will be disposed to grant the necessary appropriation in spite of the need of economy in this poverty-stricken country.

WE are glad to see that the question between Maj. W. Ludlow, Corps of Engineers, and the Light House Board, is to be submitted to a Court of Enquiry. We do not doubt that the result will be favorable to Maj. Ludlow. His restoration to duty in his old position may or may not follow, but this is of less consequence than that he should be relieved of the charge of insubordination brought against him by some members of the Light House Board The Court is ordered at the request of Maj. Ludlow, and not as incorrectly reported from Washington on motion of the Secretary of the Treasury.

IT would appear that Columbus was lucky in being born when he was. Had he depended upon the Spanish ship-builders of to-day for building such vessels as he sailed the main with, America would never have been discovered, and such institutions as the Army and Navy of the United States would have existed, if at all, in the dreams of poets. At all events a *Herald* despatch reports that the modern reproduction of the *Nina* will not sail at all, and the *Pinta* only with the wind full on the beam. She will not work to the windward. The captain of the *Santa Maria* declares her also unfit to cross the Atlantic.

MEXICO seems to be having a good deal of trouble with the Yaqui Indians in the State of Sonora. A recent despatch from Chihuahua says: It is generally conceded in military circles here that the government will be unable to force the Yaqui Indians into subjection. It will take 200,000 Mexican troops to bring the 25,000 Yaquis under control.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOLEY contemplates an extensive tour abroad at the close of the present Administration. He denies the statement that he has perfected arrangements to engage in law practice with Secretary Tracy in New York City.

RECENT DEATHS.

BREVET BRIGADIER-GENERAL FREDERICK TRACY DENT, colonel, U. S. Army, retired, an officer of long and distinguished service, died Dec. 24 at his residence in Denver, Col. He had been ill for some time past, and his death was not unexpected. Gen. Dent was born in Missouri in 1820, and appointed from that State to the Military Academy in 1839, was graduated in 1843 and promoted to the 6th Infantry, and in 1846 to the 5th Infantry. He served gallantly during the Mexican war, receiving the brevets of 1st lieutenant and captain for Contreras, Churubusco and Molino del Rey. After the Mexican war he rendered arduous service on the frontier, and in 1855 was promoted captain of the 9th Infantry. He was in San Francisco when the civil war broke out, was promoted major, 4th Inf., in March, 1863. In March, 1864, he was appointed aide-de-camp on the staff of his brother-in-law, Gen. Grant, and was present in the battles and military operations of the Richmond campaign. He was Military Commander of the City of Richmond in April and May, 1865. In April of that year he was appointed brigadier general of volunteers and mustered out in April, 1866. For his gallant services during the war he received brevets of colonel and brigadier general. After the war he served for several years as A. D. C. to Gen. Grant, was promoted lieutenant colonel, 32d Inf., Dec. 31, 1867, unassigned in 1869, in December, 1870, was assigned to the 5th Artillery, in January, 1881, was promoted colonel of the 1st Artillery, and Nov. 4, 1882, was transferred to the 3d Artillery. On Dec. 1, 1883, he was retired from active service on his own application, having served over forty years. Soon after retirement he went to reside at Denver, Col. Gen. Dent was a good soldier and a kindly gentleman, and much liked by his officers and men. The remains were taken to Fort Leavenworth for interment in the National Cemetery there.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL GEO. W. COLLIER, U.S.M.C., retired, died Dec. 23, at the Hotel Hamilton, Hagerstown, Md., of heart failure. He had been an invalid for some time, having been retired in October, 1889, on account of ill health. He was appointed a 2d lieutenant of the Marine Corps in September, 1860; attained the grade of lieut.-colonel in August, 1889, and was retired the following October. Col. Collier was an excellent officer and saw a great deal of service during his active career. He leaves a widow and two daughters. He has been spending the winters at Aiken, S. C., and has been located in Hagerstown since last April. The remains were taken to Greencastle, Pa., for interment.

THE circumstances of the death of Pay Director Ambrose Julius Clark, U. S. Navy, Dec. 24, while en route from New York to New Haven, Conn., to spend Christmas with his wife, will bring sadness to many relatives and friends. A despatch of December 24, from Bridgeport, Conn., says: Lying beside the tracks of the Consolidated Road, about two miles west of this city, late this afternoon, the conductor of a work train found a well dressed man about 40 years old. The man was not dead, but there was a terrible gash on his forehead, and he was unconscious. It is supposed that in passing from one car to another he was blown off, or that his hat was blown off and in attempting to catch it he lost his balance and fell. Before the train reached Bridgeport he died without regaining consciousness. At the Morgue letters found on the body, and other articles, established his identity as A. J. Clark, a Pay Director in the U. S. Navy, residing at 303 West 88th street, New York, and having an office in the Stewart Building, 230 Broadway. Mrs. Clark soon arrived from New Haven and identification was complete. Needless to say the bereaved widow was distracted with grief. The remains were taken to New Haven and thence to Watertown, N. Y., for interment. The deceased officer had a record of long and faithful service. He was born at Cooperstown, N. Y., Aug. 4, 1836, and was the son of the Hon. Ambrose A. Clark, editor and publisher of a paper at Cooperstown and a close friend of the novelist, James Fenimore Cooper, who was the boy's godfather. The family moved to Watertown in 1846, and have ever since resided there. His sisters desired that he should be buried there beside their parents. The interment took place at 2 P. M. Dec. 28, Pay Director Washington and Pay Inspector Burtis escorting the remains as representatives of the Pay Corps of the Navy. Mr. Clark was a member of the New York Club and the United Service Club. Just at the spot where Mr Clark was found is a sharp curve in the road and this, undoubtedly, aided in projecting him over the low gate reaching from car to car. He was found doubled up in the ditch at the foot of a post near the car, and it is probable he was thrown headforemost against this post, as the vertex of his skull was crushed in. His traveling bag was found in the parlor car by the seat he had vacated. He was in superb health, having entirely recovered from his indisposition of two years ago. He was appointed Assistant Paymaster in September, 1861, and attained the grade of Pay Director in October, 1891. His wife and one son, Wallace S. Clark, an electrical engineer in the employ of the Edison Company at Schenectady, survive him.

SURGEON HENRY P. HARVEY, U. S. N., who died at Crawford, Miss., Dec. 26, after a long illness, joined the Navy as assistant surgeon in 1872, and attained the grade of surgeon in December, 1886. His last post of duty was on the receiving ship *St. Louis*, which he had to relinquish on account of his health. He was present in the Samoan disaster and was regarded as a capable and efficient officer.

A DESPATCH of Dec. 24 from Fort Robinson, Neb., reports the death that evening of Mrs. Bernard, wife of Lieut.-Col. Reuben F. Bernard, 9th U. S. Cavalry.

JAMES BANKHEAD GUEST, a well known member of the New York Cotton Exchange, died Dec. 24. He was a member of the New York Club and the Southern Society. Mr. Guest's grandfather was Gen. James Bankhead, U. S. A., who died in 1856.

CAPTAIN JOHN G. BAKER, U. S. R. M., commanding the cutter *Seward* on the Gulf Station, died, Dec. 23, at Pass Christian, Miss., of peritonitis, aged 62. He was a native of Salem, Mass., and had been in the service of the Government since 1861. His remains have been sent to Salem for interment.

ON Christmas Day Mrs. Phebe W. Ross, widow of the late Gen. Samuel Ross, U. S. A., died very suddenly of heart disease in Washington. She leaves two sons, one of whom, Lieut. Worth G. Ross, is in the Revenue Marine Service, the other being a physician in Washington. Her husband, Gen. Ross, served through the Florida, Mexican and late wars, and during the latter commanded the 20th Connecticut Volunteers, holding also at the time a commission in the Regular Army. He died in 1880 while on the retired list.

THE proud distinction of having received from the Congress of the United States the first medal of honor for "distinguished conduct in the presence of the enemy" was enjoyed by Capt. John G. Merritt, Acting Assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate, whose death from the effects of wounds received in battle occurred recently. The inscription upon it reads: "Congress to Sergt. John G. Merritt, Company K, First Minnesota Volunteers. This medal is awarded to you under provisions of the War Department for gallantry in the battle of Bull Run, in July, 1861, where you were wounded while in advance of your regiment."

GENERAL JOSEPH KARGE, professor of continental languages and literature in Princeton University, N. J., died suddenly of heart disease at the Astor House, New York City, Dec. 27. The deceased gentleman served with distinction during the war as an

officer of the New Jersey Cavalry and received the brevet of brigadier-general of volunteers for his gallant and meritorious services. He was an able cavalry officer and was wounded in action in 1862. In June, 1867, he was appointed 1st lieutenant, 8th U. S. Cavalry, was afterwards transferred to the 9th U. S. Infantry, and left the service Jan. 1, 1871, to take the chair of continental languages and literature at Princeton. He leaves a widow and two sons.

ARMY REORGANIZATION.

To the Editor of the Army and Navy Journal:

IN your edition of Nov. 12 there was an article by some officer who advocated cutting down the present establishment, making it still more ridiculous, still more ghastly in its skeleton outlines, in order to give the artillery its long wished for and schemed for seven regiments and, by way of soothing compensation to the infantry, the three-battalion desideratum. All of this kind of planning and scheming is worse than worthless in the present temper of the House. The 53d Congress will not increase the Army, and without an increase in the rank and file, the seven regiments to the artillery and the three-battalion to the infantry had better not be granted—it would be on the absurd scheme of an army having all officers and no soldiers.

As to the incoming Congress, it will be simply out of the question for it to do anything for the Army which would cause an increase in the appropriation for its maintenance. It stands on a platform of revenue reform, low tariff and retrenchment, and it will be a difficult problem for it to run the Government on this basis. Economy will be the question of the hour. It is true the burden would be merely nominal for the slight increase required, but the masses do not see that, and the measure would be a very impolitic procedure for the 53d Congress.

From these premises, it may be reasonably deduced that a healthy reorganization of the artillery and infantry is out of the question for the present, and, therefore, it would be worse than folly to try to force them on the consideration of either house of Congress. The time is not far distant when the Federal Army must and will be enlarged, for its present proportions are out of all keeping with the population, necessities and possibilities of the country. Otherwise, the pitiable spectacle will be seen of individual commonwealths, such as New York and Pennsylvania, having larger armies than the Federal Government. Should such a condition of affairs take place the menace to the Republic would be the large standing armies of sovereign States, not the Regular Army—except the menace consisted in its weakness.

The fact of the matter is the National Guard of several States keeps pace with the rapid growth of their population, whereas the Army, having no friends whose political relations would be benefited in or out of Congress, is left strictly to itself, unless some political huckster or demagogue slashes at it, to make capital among the truly enlightened in his backwoods district. Officers of the Army have ample time to ponder over these facts—the consideration should produce some results. What results have been seen during the last years? The poorest military organization in the face of the civilized world.

It is not my purpose to go into the immediate causes that have led to this unfortunate result. Suffice to say, the 53d Congress will not be in a hurry to rectify or ameliorate it and that efforts directed to that end will be better reserved and applied to the sensible measure proposed in the aforesaid edition, viz.: The retirement of officers who served in the last war with the next higher grade. The act as given in the JOURNAL is all that is required, perfect as there given without any alteration, addition or subtraction. Heretofore, officers have expended much energy and influence on a multiplicity of individual bills. The Congressional calendars are full of them, every one looking out for himself, a go-as-you-please style, and the devil take the hindmost—the infantry and cavalry—the Army. We will do well to stop this harum-scarum kind of business and concentrate our energies on passing the act here referred to.

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BILLS INTRODUCED.

S. 3613, Cameron. Amending Sec. 1443 of the Revised Statutes as follows:

"Sec. 1443. When any officer of the Navy has been forty years in the service of the United States, he may be retired from active service by the President, upon his own application. When an officer has been thirty years in service, he may, upon his own application, in the discretion of the President, be so retired, and placed on the retired list."

S. 3615, Cameron. Amending the second paragraph of an act making appropriations for the naval service for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, and for other purposes, approved July 19, 1892. *Be it enacted, etc.*, under the heading "Pay of the Navy," to read as follows: Every naval cadet or cadet engineer who has heretofore graduated or may hereafter graduate from the Naval Academy, and who has been or may hereafter be commissioned within six months after such graduation an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps of the United States, under the laws appointing such graduate to the Navy or Marine Corps, shall be allowed the pay of the grade in which he may be so commissioned from the date he takes rank as stated in his commission to the date of qualification and acceptance of his commission.

S. 3620, Proctor. To amend the act of Congress of Feb. 12, 1887, as follows: In Sec. 1 strike out all after the word "providing" and insert in lieu of the words stricken out the words "for issue to the militia such military stores and supplies as are or may be provided for and issued to the Army. Any State or territory may also purchase for the use of its militia stores and supplies from any department of the Army in addition to those issued under the provisions of this act, and such stores and supplies shall be sold to States and territories at the price which they are listed for issue to the Army, and funds received from such sales shall not be covered into the Treasury, but shall be used to replace articles thus sold, and shall for this purpose be available until used." In Sec. 3 strike out the words "arms, ordnance stores, quartermaster's stores, and camp equipage," wherever they occur in said section, and insert in lieu of the words stricken out the words "stores and supplies."

H. R. 9896, Outhwaite. Provides that whenever the present Chief Signal Officer of the Army shall vacate his office there shall thereafter be a Chief Signal Officer of the Army with the rank, pay, and allowances of a colonel, who shall be selected from the officers of the Signal Corps, and an Assistant Chief Signal Officer, with the rank, pay, and allowances of a lieutenant colonel, which office shall be filled by regular promotion in the Signal Corps: *Provided*, That thereafter the two offices of 1st lieutenant in the Signal Corps thus made vacant shall be abolished and discontinued.

H. R. 9950, Antony. To prevent retired officers and retired enlisted men receiving pay from the Government in any other capacity: *Provided, however*, That retired officers and retired enlisted men, who, as such, do not receive from the Government of the United States more pay than $300 per annum, may be appointed to, or employed in, any appointive office or place under the Government of the United States the pay to which shall not exceed the sum of $720 per annum; *Provided further*, That any retired officer or retired enlisted man to accept an office with a salary exceeding $720 only after he shall have produced and filed an official letter accepting his resignation, and shall not thereafter be reinstated in the position which he resigned.

Sec. 3 punishes a violation of this statute as swindling, subject to a penalty of a fine not less than $100 and more than $1,000, and by imprisonment of from three months to three years.

Sec. 4 makes it the duty of U. S. judges to call the attention of grand juries to this law, and gives the District Attorney a fee of $20 for each conviction.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

WEST POINT.

DECEMBER 28, 1892.

AT the regular semi-monthly officers' concert held in the library last Wednesday evening the programme rendered included many familiar and popular selections.

Twenty cadets took advantage of the privilege of Christmas leave on Friday and 84 on Saturday. Their absence caused a noticeable decrease in the cadet attendance at the hop on Saturday evening, which was a very small affair. Misses Mercur, Margaret Kilbourne and Sumner, who are spending the Christmas holidays at the post, were among the young ladies present, as was also Miss Harvey, daughter of Dr. Harvey, who has recently been ordered to the post. An extension of half an hour was granted. The guests were received by Mrs. Dyer.

Mr. C. O. L. Dillaway, of Boston, father of Cadet Dillaway, 3d Class; Naval Cadet Clarence England, of Annapolis, brother of Cadet England, 4th Class; Mrs. J. A. Sample, of New York, whose nephew is a member of the 3d Class; Mrs. L. Johnston, of Chicago, Ill., whose nephew, Cadet Landon, is a member of the 4th Class; Mr. N. Seeley, of New York, and Miss Seeley, father and sister of Cadet Seeley, 4th Class; Mr. D. G. Spurgin and Mr. W. B. Michie, who have been spending Christmas at the post, have been among recent visitors.

Most fortunately, the date formerly set for the Christmas tree—Christmas eve—had been changed to Friday afternoon. The new gymnasium was the scene of a very pleasant gathering from 2 until 4 on that day. Lieut. Patrick had charge of the arrangements, ably assisted by a number of officers and ladies. The distribution of the presents was entrusted to Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Mercur, Miss Waller, Miss H. Spurgin, Lieuts. Hirst and Holbrook. After the singing of two Christmas carols by the school, under the direction of the principal, Sergeant O'Flynn, the gifts were presented, and, after each child had been liberally supplied, the audience dispersed without further ceremony. The presents included over a hundred dolls (arrayed in every variety of costume), sleds, skates, guns, drums, workbaskets, and a plentiful supply of oranges and candy.

Cadet appointments to West Point have been issued during the past week as follows:

H. L. Seymour, Livingston, 6th Dist., Ala.

Wright Rives, Jr., P. O. Box 194, Washington, D. C., 5th Dist., Md.

Richard Davis, (alt.,) Marriottsville, 5th Dist., Md.

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

Lt. Henry De H. Waite, 5th Cav., having been found incapacitated by an Army retiring board, is ordered to his home and granted leave until further orders.

Lt. A. J. Russell, 7th Cav., is relieved from recruiting duty at Jefferson Bks., and is ordered to his regiment.

Lt. Frank T. Meriwether, Asst. Surg., is relieved from Ft. Adams and ordered to Madison Barracks, New York.

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CHRISTMAS AT FORT WARREN, MASS.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year, and the enlisted men of this old Army Garrison fully realizing this, determined to celebrate the occasion to the fullest extent. Christmas Eve the married men of the post and their families, as also a good contingent of the single b'hoys repaired to the post school rooms, where Pvt. Miller, post school teacher and his scholars, had already assembled to receive them.

Mounted upon a table in the centre of the school room was a large Christmas tree fitted up in grand style, with numerous presents, for the children, also any amount of goodeys so dear to the mind and taste of the young ones. The exercises of the evening consisted of vocal music addresses and recitations, etc., by the scholars. Masters McDer Mott, Spaniar, Fitch, Lewis, and Misses Spaniar and Schultze, were among the recitants.

Little 5-year old Nellie Lewis, daughter of Provo. Sergt. Lewis, was quite cute in her rendition of the "Census Taker." The whole affair was very creditable to Pedagogue Miller and the children under his instruction.

About 9 P. M. the men repaired to the large dining room of the command and took up the time until 11.30 P. M. in the many dance.

Sunday (Christmas) dame nature presented us with a small sized snow storm. At noon the command, consisting of Batteries D and S, 3d Art., marched into the mess hall, where a most tempting dinner had been spread for the occasion. After the dinner had been snugly stowed away some of the men laid off for a smoke and a ghost story, while many of them made calls at the quarters of their married comrades, most of the latter keeping open house for their companion in arms.

Monday (the 26th) was observed as a holiday at the post, By command of Maj. Sinclair, post commander, all work and duties, excepting guard and necessary police, was suspended for the day. At 7 P. M. a great portion of the garrison wended their way to No. 4, Squad Room of Battery B, to witness a fine variety and minstrel performance, under the auspices of the Happy Seven. The programme was excellent and varied, and for two hours kept the audience in excellent humor. Among the performers who came in for an unusual share of applause were: Sergt. Stother, Corpl. Mason, Pvts. Edwards, Casey, Plumpton and Ryan, while the singing and clog dancing of Pvt. Flaherty would have put many a professional to shame. Taking it altogether the men at this post were more than in it this Christmas, and all agree that we had a real jolly good time. R. F. D.

MAJOR W. E. CREARY, Paymaster, U. S. A., recently placed on the retired list on account of disability incident to the Service, had an excellent war record day May, 1861, when he joined the 3d Mich., gan Infantry. He was mustered out in 1866, and was appointed a major and paymaster U. S. Army in June, 1879. He and his family are now at Ludington, Mich.

MAJOR EDWARD HUNTER, Judge Advocate, U. S. Army, on duty in San Francisco, in his recent annual report adverts to his declination to pay taxes on personal property (household effects) as being unconstitutional, and quotes the City and County Attorney of San Francisco as ruling: "I am compelled to express it, as my opinion, that, in the absence of express exemption either in the statutes of the United States or of the State of California, the personal property of officers in the Army and Navy is subject to State taxation." Maj. Hunter then says: "It is my opinion that this vexed question ought to be authoritatively settled, and if the Constitution does not exclude the State taxing power in the case of the personal property of officers of the Army, the power of Congress should be invoked to create by legislation such exemption. In the present state of the question the garrisons of the department are liable to an annual invasion by the tax collector."

DURING a prolonged stay among the islands of the Hawaiian group, Ensign J. J. Blandin, U. S. N., became much interested in the question of telegraphic communication between those islands and the United States. Since his detail as electrical expert in the Bureau of Equipment, Mr. Blandin has studied the question closely, and is of the opinion that not only is the project perfectly feasable, but that a cable will be laid within the next few years. With the assurance that the United States Government will, ere many months, take a decided attitude in regard to the acquisition of Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu, the carrying out of the telegraphic project becomes of vast importance, and more especially is this the case with the commerce of the Pacific Coast, where already immense cargoes of Hawaiian products are handled for trans-shipment to all parts of the world.

CONCERNING the rumors current for some time past anent the early retirement of Rear Admiral D. B. Harmony on account of ill health we can state upon the authority of that distinguished officer himself that he was never in better health than at the present time, that he has never had any intention of being relegated to the retired list on this account, and that he does not expect or intend to retire until compelled to do so by age, which will be Sept. 3, 1894. Admiral Harmony's friends will be pleased to learn further that he has completely recovered from the severe attack of Grippe, which he went through in the early part of the summer.

IT is understood that the subject of re-establishing the division and reorganizing department commands is receiving the serious consideration of the War Department, and that a decision will be reached early in the New Year.

GENERAL J. P. HAWKINS, U. S. A., has arrived in Washington, D. C., and assumed the duties of Commissary General of Subsistence.

GENERAL J. W. FORSYTH and Mrs. Forsyth, of Fort Riley, are spending the holidays with Colonel and Mrs. Bacon, of Omaha, Neb.

COLONEL JOHN S. BILLINGS, Surgeon U. S. A., has been elected Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Thirty-second Congress of American Physicians and Surgeons, to be held in Washington, D. C., in May, 1894.

THE engagement is announced in Washington, D. C., of Miss Katherine F. Gibson, daughter of General H. G. Gibson, 3d U. S. Artillery (retired), to Mr. Frank Hollis White, of Washington, a nephew of the late Major-general George Sykes, U. S. Army.

CAPTAIN J. W. PHILIP, Lieut.-Comdr. B. S. Richards, Lieut. I. M. Brumby, Surg. D. Dickson, Paymr. D. A. Smith and Asst.-Paymr. Z. W. Reynolds registered at the Navy Department this week.

CAPTAIN J. G. BOURKE, 3d U. S. Cavalry, who was in Washington this week to consult with the official regarding affairs on the Mexican border, is prominently mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the Adjutant General's Department.

COLONEL H. W. CLOSSON, 4th Art.; Col. H. L. Abbot, Engrs.; Major Clifton Comly, Ord. Dept.; Capt. M. C. Foote, 9th Inf.; Lieut. G. H. Macdonald, 1st Art.; Lieut. S. E. Stuart, Ord. Dept., and 2d Lieut. R. G. Paxton, 10th Cav., registered at the War Department this week.

MAJOR JAMES JACKSON, 2d U. S. Cavalry, on duty at Portland, Ore., recently delivered a lecture on "The Origin and Incidents of the Modoc War," for the benefit of Co. H, 1st Regiment, Or. N. G. If there is any one now living who knows more about the Modoc War than Major Jackson we should like to make his acquaintance.

THE repairs to the *Ranger* are now about completed at the Mare Island Yard, and in the course of the investigation as to the causes for her recent unfortunate performances while acting as patrol in Behring Sea, it was found that the feathers in the end of the intermediate shaft were badly battered and broken, permitting a great deal of lost motion in both parts of the coupling. The state of affairs was brought about by unskilful manipulation in attempting to stop the rattling and noise in the couplings. The *Ranger* was built in 1875, and the poor alignment of shafting has existed since that time, but it remained for her recent cruise to bring the difficulties to a crisis when the two sections of shaft, out of line with each other, were solidly secured together by bolting the coupling disks fast.

ORDNANCE NOTES.

A German inventor of Mayence has discovered that Portland cement can be used as a substitute for rubber and asbestos preparations in the packing of steam joints.

In the preliminary trial of the Gordon disappearing gun carriage at Sandy Hook on Dec. 21, the recoil of the first shot with half the regulation charge, broke the cross head on the plunger, and the gun is laid up for repairs.

A prismatic telemeter, the invention of Capt. Souchier, of the French Army, has been accepted after extensive trials by Gen. Vannovski, the Russian War Minister, both for the Russian artillery and infantry, and 8,000 of the instruments have been ordered.

Lieut. A. L. Howard, of the Conn. N. G. and Riel Rebellion fame, has been appointed a commissioner to report to the Canadian Government upon the most improved methods of manufacturing arms and ammunition, with a view to establishing a government cartridge factory.

The *Leader*, Pittsburg, Pa., says: "The Navy Department has closed a contract with the Sterling Company, of Pittsburg, for $225,000 worth of the Wheeler armor-piercing projectiles. This contract was awarded, after severe competitive tests with the famous Holtzer shells of France and the American production of the Firmany shell of England. In all the trials the Wheeler shells was found to have the best armor-piercing qualities and did not break or 'upset' like the others."

The Echo de l'Armee reports that the Technical Committee at the Ministry of War, in Paris, has received surprising reports upon trials made in Switzerland with the new Marga rifle. This arm weighs only 3¼ kg. (7.71 lb.), and has a caliber of 6.5 mm. (.255 in.). The initial velocity, with a reduced atmospheric pressure, is 2,460 feet per second, and the rifle is sighted with a flat trajectory, up to 6,000 metres. It is a magazine weapon with very simple mechanism, and all its parts work with great precision and care. The magazine, with six cartridges, is enclosed in a metallic band which even a raw recruit can manipulate. A special improvement is said to be in the cartridge, which has a double socket and enables an extraordinary impetus to be given to the ball without subjecting the rifle itself to undue shock.

The *Engineer* for Nov. 18 devotes a page to the "Vickers Harvey Armor Plate," giving, by way of illustration, a copy of an unusually clear photograph of the plate tests on board of the *Nettle* Nov. 1. The *Engineer* is not satisfied with the result because the Harvey plate did not do "what the Treadder-Ellis plate has now done several times lately, namely, break up attacking projectiles so abruptly in its face, that the mass of the plate should be saved from the tearing or wedging strain that accompanies penetration to any considerable depth, and also from the bulging which must fall on the supporting structure and injure it, which in the case of a ship necessitates repairs which must be troublesome." It suggests that the Harvey plate may have an element of uncertainty and can only show two plates where the face has been equally hard all over. Still it admits that more experience may give better results. The *Scientific American* calls attention to the fact that the meteors which have sufficient hardness to force their way through our atmosphere without being dissipated en route are composed of nickel and iron.

The New York *Times* says: "Cable despatches from St. Petersburg received in this city recently leave no further doubt of the success of the American armor plate in the recent Russian test. The news received is that the American plate was fired at with a Krupp 6-inch gun, Russian modified, using 97-pound projectiles and 2,187 foot-seconds velocities. Four 6-inch projectiles, fired respectively at the four corners of the plate, were each smashed on contact. There was only a slight surface indentation, but no penetration or cracking of the plate. The fifth shot, fired from a 9-inch high-power ordnance rifle, was directed at the centre of the plate. The 9-inch projectile weighed 406 pounds, and its muzzle velocity was 1,655 foot-seconds. This shot penetrated to a depth of 11 inches. The plate was slightly cracked. A second shot was next fired at the plate from the 9-inch gun, but with a velocity increased to 1,885 feet per second. The projectile penetrated through the plate to the pine backing, but the projectile was smashed. The plate, as a result of this shot, was broken up. The 1,885 foot-seconds velocity was exceeded during the past few days in the United States by a 1,900 foot-second speed used against one of the new American plates of the same type, employing a 10-inch gun. The American plate was tried Dec. 10, and its showings were compared with the data obtained on the trial of Nov. 25. All the other plates were smashed in five shots."

The construction of two high power cannon of special design for firing high explosives is now under advisement by the naval ordnance officers. One of these is to be a wire wound or built up eight inch rifle, fifty calibers in length, according to designs submitted by Mr. Hurst, the inventor of the re-enforced cartridge. The sum of $50,000 was appropriated for the purpose by the last Congress. Preliminary designs have been submitted by the inventor and are now being considered by a special board consisting of Capt. J. A. Howell, Lieut. Commander A. R. Couden and Prof. P. R. Alger. Under the law the Ordnance Bureau is required to prepare the working drawings for this new weapon, the inventor being called upon to furnish the general designs only. The application of his re-enforced system of cartridge is the chief peculiarity of the design submitted for consideration. The plans for the other weapon originated with the Ordnance Bureau and have already been worked out and approved. They call for a 7 inch rapid fire rifle of nickel steel, 20 calibers in length, to fire a tubular cartridge containing from 50 to 60 pounds of high explosives. After the successful tests with emmensite in a 5 inch rapid fire and 6 inch high power guns at velocities exceeding 2,000 feet per second, the Ordnance Bureau is convinced that it is entirely safe to fire this material from high power guns and with the weapons specially constructed for the purpose it is believed that greater velocities may be obtained without danger of premature explosions. It is the opinion of Commodore Folger that a decided revolution in the character of armaments of vessels will follow the trial of these guns. He believes that the batteries of naval vessels will before long be composed of two classes of guns; the first as at present of great length and power, using armor piercing projectiles, and the second, shorter guns of very large bore and firing projectiles containing charges of powerful high explosives, the latter being intended for use against the unarmored portions of ships.

FOREIGN ITEMS.

THE German Government has discarded white horses for its army.

GEN. TROCHU, in his retirement at Tours, is on the point of finishing a minute history of the siege of Paris.

KAISER WILHELM has contributed $10,000 for scientific studies and experimenting in ballooning by civilian experts.

THE Germans are educating a certain proportion of their officers to serve as interpreters in case of war. Those who pass well will receive pecuniary rewards to enable them to reside for a short time abroad.

A COMMOTION has been created in military circles in St. Petersburg by the report that four officers of the Pazovsky Regiment of the Guard have been cashiered for playing cards and getting intoxicated with privates of their regiment.

SNOW storage is being tried in Russia to prevent drought. Ponds are to be established in the courses from which the rivers are fed, and on the plains long banks are to be formed, against which snow drifts will be formed, and these will melt slowly and thus feed the streams when the spring opens.

IN the *Journal des Sciences Militaires*, Gen. Newal points out that war is a struggle against men, land, climate, hunger, fatigue, sickness and the inclemency of the weather. Therefore, cæteris paribus, the best marchers will win. Hence the importance of marching competitions to reduce to a minimum the men likely to fall out.

RECENT trials at St. Gothard, Switzerland, proved conclusively that 200 men are sufficient to hoist guns of position to a height of 1,600 ft. within 24 hours—including preliminary works—however great the difficulties of the road may be. Two 4¾ in. guns were put into position on the summit of the Gourschen (7,054 ft.), which is only approached by great tracks. For the last 3,000 ft. the ascent was at an angle of nearly 75 deg. The only preparation made was to remove any projecting rocks so as to obtain as smooth a track as possible some 7 or 8 ft. wide.

HERR KRUPP has arrived at Berlin and petitioned for an audience with the Emperor to explain the offer made in 1868 to supply Louis Napoleon with guns of his manufacture. The Krupps have signed an agreement to pay to the shareholders of the Gruson Works in Magdeburg annual dividends of 9 per cent. for the next 25 years. Besides Krupp's offer in 1868 to supply Napoleon with cannon it has been discovered that Schering's chemical factory in Berlin supplied the French government in 1886 with large quantities of picric acid, which was used in the manufacture of melinite. Herr Holz, a member of the Reichstag and director of the works, told Prince Bismarck that France was ordering picric acid, whereupon the Prince said: "Go on and take all the money you possibly can out of the French."

THE *Militair Wochenblatt* gives the following table of percentage of increase in the French and German Armies:

	France.	Germany.
Infantry	59	16¼
Cavalry	81	0
Artillery	192	72

A comparative table of the armies of the five great powers is also added, as follows:

	Infantry Battalions.	Cavalry Squadrons.	Artillery Batteries.
Russia	963½	608	388
France	584	364	460
Germany	538	372	434
Austro-Hungary	458	264	241
Italy	364	144	207

COURT OF CLAIMS.

IN the case of "Ward P. Winchell vs. the United States," Richardson, Ch. J., delivering the opinion of the Court, holds that the attempt of the Secretary of the Navy to discharge cadet engineers under the act of Aug. 5, 1882, was inoperative, as he misconstrued the act. In law, therefore, the engineers were not discharged by his order, but remained in service notwithstanding the same. During the time he was supposed to be out of the Service the claimant discharged the duties of draftsman in the Hydrographic Office. The question of law arising upon the findings is whether or not he is entitled to the salary of a draftsman in addition to that of an engineer.

The Court decides that he is not and following the rule of the accounting officers to pay one who holds two offices the salary of that which is larger, it gives the claimant the salary of engineer less the amount paid to him as a clerk in the Hydrographic Office, which is $1,932.19.

It treats him in accordance with the decisions of the Supreme Court, as never out of the Navy, and while serving as draftsman it regards him as an engineer on waiting orders as he was ordered to be so regarded by the Secretary of the Navy. During that time he held two offices under the same Secretary whose orders he was bound to obey.

In the case of Harrie Webster vs. the United States, who claimed pay for his services as an acting paymaster in addition to that of his rank of P. Asst. Eng., the Court says: "In point of fact he did not hold two distinct offices. An acting paymaster, appointed by the senior officer present, is not an officer. He is not appointed as required by the Constitution, takes no oath of office, and gives no bond as paymaster. He is appointed to discharge the duties of an office which he does not hold, that of paymaster, and he is therefore prohibited from receiving compensation by the following provisions of the Revised Statutes:"

Webster claimed the pay of a paymaster in the fourth five years of service being that of the officers whose place he filled. The Treasury Department allowed him that of a paymaster in the first five years of service. The Court held that this was all he was entitled to, as payment for length of service is founded upon the theory of increased experience and efficiency. He received the pay he did under the rule of the Treasury to allow one holding two offices the pay of the larger.

The two cases here reported are governed by the law in the case of Badeau, where the Supreme Court held that one holding two incompatible offices could not receive the salaries of both.

FORT RILEY, KAS.

THE Junction City *Republican* has these items:

Maj. George B. Rodney and family left Tuesday at noon for the East. A large number of officers and their ladies and the noncommissioned officers of Battery F, 4th Artillery, were at the depot and wished the worthy major and wife God speed on their journey.

1st Sergt. John Gorham voices the sentiment of the battery when he says there never was an officer in the service who was more kind hearted or more ready to lend a willing hand or more ready to assist those of his men who needed advice or assistance of any kind, than Maj. Rodney.

On Dec. 16 the battery presented to Maj. Rodney a handsome, gold mounted sabre, belt, and shoulder knot. The 1st Sergeant made the presentation speech in which he said: "The members of Light Battery F, 4th Artillery, which until recently you commanded with so much satisfaction and comfort to us, wish to present to you before your departure from this post, these tokens of our respect and appreciation towards you as our past commander."

Major Rodney replied in feeling words and then came three cheers and a tiger.

LIEUTENANT (in a trembling voice)—I am really on the verge of despair, sir. Your daughter——

Banker—Oh, yes; I understand you thoroughly. The fact is you gentlemen never think of marrying except when you are on the verge of despair.—*Fliegende Blaetter.*

THE STATE TROOPS.

Seventh New York.—Col. D. Appleton.

COLONEL APPLETON, in orders, says:

The results in the work of the regiment at Creedmoor during the season of 1892 are in the highest degree creditable and satisfactory. The liberal policy adopted by the State, which has made it possible to give unlimited instruction to the unskilful and the inexperienced, has been universally appreciated, and has stimulated an increased proportion of the members of the regiment to strive for proficiency at the longer ranges, where alone can progress beyond the present standard hereafter be made. The number of marksmen in the regiment in each year since the system was established by the State has been as follows: 1875, 58; 1876, 107; 1877, 209; 1878, 322; 1879, 411; 1880, 342; 1881, 336; 1882, 537; 1883, 634; 1884, 583; 1885, 628; 1886, 640; 1887, 894; 1888, 919; 1889, 1,043; 1890, 1,014; 1891, 1,047; 1892, 1,077.

The following table shows the general result of the practice of the present season as compared with that of the previous year:

	1892.			1891.		
	Marksmen (including Sharpshooters).	Total Practicing.	Strength at Inspection.	Marksmen (including Sharpshooters).	Total Practicing.	Strength at Inspection.
F. S. and N. C. S.	16	16	19	18	18	19
Co. A	105	105	101	101	106	101
Co. B	105	105	101	105	107	101
Co. C	103	104	101	98	104	101
Co. D	108	107	101	82	87	83
Co. E	102	102	101	104	104	101
Co. F	113	113	101	115	118	101
Co. G	103	103	101	112	112	101
Co. H	105	105	101	103	107	101
Co. I	109	109	101	105	106	101
Co. K	110	110	101	104	109	101
Total	1077	1079	1029	1047	1080	1011

The official figure of merit for the present year (based on the results of firing in ranks only) is as follows: on account of a radical change in conditions no comparison with last year is possible.

	Shooting Strength.	Number Shooting.	Figure of Merit. As to Attendance.	As to Score.	General.
Co. A	94	90	93 75	42.11	67.93
Co. B	96	91	94 79	45.38	70 09
Co. C	96	76	79.17	39 87	59 52
Co. D	93	81	87.10	41.36	64.23
Co. E	92	87	94.56	38 39	66.48
Co. F	98	98	100 00	43 02	71.51
Co. G	93	85	88 54	38 47	63 51
Co. H	93	91	94 79	41.87	68.33
Co. I	96	90	93.75	40 78	67.26
Co. K	90	86	89 58	40.81	65.20
Total	953	875	91.61	41.37	66 44

Capt. J. C. Abrams, Capt. G. W. Rand, Lieut. J. B. Holland and Pvt. F. C. McLewee have qualified for 18 successive years.

Twenty-second New York.—Col. Camp.

THE value of the instruction given the "model battalion" at Peekskill last summer is very apparent in the armories of the 7th, 12th and 23d Regiments, whose officers formed the greater part of the attendance at the School of Instruction, and is particularly noticeable in companies whose officers availed themselves of the opportunity to receive their teachings direct from the members of the Tactical Board detailed by the War Department to the State camp.

On any Thursday evening can be seen, practically carried out, as far as the limitations of the armory will allow, an

exact reproduction by Co. H, of the 22d Regiment, Capt. Wm. J. Hussey, of the various operations demonstrated at the summer encampment. All the different movements in the "Formation for Attack," through the various stages, until the final successful rout of the enemy, are practiced with a vividness and simplicity that is instructive alike to the civilian as well as the military spectator, and to the junior officers of the Guard who are ambitious to become familiar with the practical workings of the Drill Regulations in the Extended Order, no better object lesson can be witnessed. First, the "point of attack" is selected and the base squad designated, and care is taken that every officer, non-commissioned officer and squad chief understands the instruction given. Scouts are sent forward to reconnoitre the supposed position, then the command Form for attack, march, is given, at which the second and third sections move forward, commanded by Lieut. A. E. Dick.

The enemy are now supposed to be only indicated in the distance. Line of sections is then formed, the space has to be gained by marching to the rear whereupon the advance is again resumed. Line of squads is now the formation so as to diminish the fronts and lessen the effectiveness of the fire of the enemy, which is now occasionally returned, each group or squad firing by command of its own chief who, when marching, takes his place in advance of his men, and the corporal or group leader to-day is the most important factor in the various systems of fighting as taught in the armies of the civilized world. Having advanced to within a supposed distance of about 900 yards of the enemy the men are deployed individually as skirmishers, with an interval of about two paces between each man. During this time the support, composed of the first and fourth sections, commanded by Lt. Cassidy (who has made for himself almost a national reputation, because of his heroic conduct and subsequent persecution at Buffalo), have been advancing, they have been deployed in sections, then in squads, and now in skirmishers, and are rapidly moving to reinforce the firing line on the flank. The retreat is now sounded and the men are marched to the starting point so as to gain ground for the final attack. Each lieutenant is now in command of his original platoon, the reserve is dispensed with in the armory formations for lack of space and men, and the attack which was previously by section rushes is now by platoon rushes, and as there is no cover available each platoon after having fired two volleys, advances with a rush for about 15 yards beyond the other platoon. It is in these rushes and in the deployments that the men show the thoroughness of their instruction, and the superiority of the present mode of battle exercise over Upton. The snap and dash with which the deployments are made being utterly at variance with the mincing mechanical movements with which we were so recently afflicted. For the last time the men halt and return to their former position, no rest is given, but bayonets are fixed, sights laid down and the command rapid fire, kneeling, commence firing. The enemy are supposed to be now within 100 yards and a deadly fire poured into him with magazine guns. Suddenly the bugle sounds "cease firing," and the captain commands, to the charge, march, whereupon the men all rise as one man, port arms and advance in double time, the line rushes past, they are almost upon the foe. The bugle, each note louder than the one before, sounds the charge, the pace is quickened to a run, each man yells like a Commanche. They are now rallied to repel a counter attack from the supposed enemy, and were then dismissed.

Sixty-ninth New York.—Col. Jas. Cavanagh.

G. O. 35, Dec. 21, Adjt. General's Office, New York, publishes the proceedings of the G. C. M. in the case of Capt. Luke C. Quinn, 69th Regt., who was charged with "conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman." The accused "demurred," but the court not having sustained his demurrer, he pleaded not guilty, was found guilty, and sentenced to be dismissed from the military service of the State of New York. The Commander-in-Chief approved the findings and sentence of the court; but pending the examination of the petitions for mitigation of the sentence, the latter was not ordered executed. These petitions having been returned by the Judge Advocate General with the report that no case had been presented for a modification of the sentence, the latter will now be carried out, and Capt. Quinn ceases to be an officer of the National Guard from the above date.

Lieut. F. J. Magee, Co. G, has resigned.

Seventy-first New York—Col. Greene.

IT is hoped the men of the regiment will have procured a sufficient number of the new uniforms to admit of parading a battalion by the first of March next. In this event it is thought likely the battalion in question may attend the inauguration of President Cleveland at Washington.

Co. C, Capt. Augustus T. Francis, have completed the arrangements for their annual reception, to be held Friday evening, Jan. 20, at "Jaeger's," Madison Ave. and 59th St. The tickets, which are $3 each and admit gentleman and lady, cover all expenses and include supper. They can only be had from members of the company. By using this means of distributing tickets a very select attendance is always assured. Nearly all the members of this company have ordered the new full dress uniform of the regiment, and will, no doubt, win the prize offered by the field and staff for being prompt in this matter. Sergeant Heindsmann, chairman of the House Committee, is getting up a pool tournament at the club rooms of the company, on Lexington Ave., which promises to be a lively affair.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

OHIO.

THE *7th Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., Gazette* will, in the near future, publish an illustrated sketch of Ohio's artillery regiments. The burning of the Cleveland, Ohio, armory throws the Cleveland battalion—Bat. A, 1st Art.—and the Cleveland Greys out of a home. The loss was total. Preparations are on foot for a new armory.

The tenth annual convention of the National Guard Association of Ohio will be held in the National Guard armory, Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 11 and 12, 1893. Matters of much importance to the Guard will be brought before it; among them the subject of the ways and means by which the entire Guard of the State may attend the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago, Ill., and encamp there for a period of fifteen days during the month of August, 1893.

In addition to the business sessions of the convention there will be a battalion parade and inspection of the companies of the 16th Infantry, the Toledo Cadets and Bat. D, 1st Artillery, followed by a reception on either the evening of Jan. 11 or 12. It is hoped that this may be one of the many good reasons why all officers should attend this convention.

Adjt.-Gen. Pocock announces that the uniform of the Ohio National Guard being the same as that prescribed for the Army of the U. S., all officers will provide themselves with the sack coat in accordance with above specifications, by April 1, 1893, or they may commence to wear it as soon as convenient.

Attention is again called to par. 808. M. C., referring to overcoats. Officers of the Ohio National Guard should at once comply with the paragraph quoted, and equip themselves accordingly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

IN his annual report just published, Adjutant-General Ayling states the brigade remains substantially as it was at the date of his last report, viz.: 24 companies of infantry (3 regiments of 8 companies each), 1 four-gun battery and 1 troop of cavalry.

The aggregate strength of the force is 124 commissioned officers and 1,161 enlisted men. The maximum number allowed by law is 127 commissioned officers and 1,535 enlisted men.

The uniforms, arms and equipments are mostly in very good condition, with the exception of overcoats, which are of the old pattern and nearly all badly worn and faded, and the trousers, many of which will soon have to be replaced. The cartridge boxes, while answering their purpose fairly well, are also obsolete.

Nothing has been drawn from the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army during the year, and from the Ordnance Department only ammunition for rifle practice, and there is now a balance to the credit of the State of about $4,000, against which clothing or equipments can be drawn.

A strong effort will, Gen. Ayling states, undoubtedly be made next year to have, during the World's Columbian Exposition, an encampment at Chicago of the United States Army and the National Guard and militia of the States, and if the encampment is brought about the New Hampshire National Guard should not be conspicuous by its absence. The entire brigade should be present, and he suggests that, instead of the regular State encampment next June, the encampment for 1893 be ordered at Chicago in October, or whenever the proposed grand encampment shall be held, and that the money which would otherwise be used for a State encampment be taken to defray, so far as possible, the expenses of sending the brigade to Chicago.

COMING EVENTS.

WE have received notification of the following:

Dec. 31.—Regimental stag, 23d N. Y., at armory.
Jan. 4.—Inauguration reception Governor's Foot Guard, Hartford, Conn.
Jan. 14.—Review of 23d N. Y. at armory.
Jan. 19.—Review of 8th N. Y. at armory.
Jan. 20.—Reception, Co. I, 71st N. Y., at Jaeger's, Madison avenue and 59th street.
Jan. 21.—Regimental stag 13th N. Y. at armory.
Jan. 24.—Review of 1st Battalion, 71st N. Y., at armory.
Jan. 25.—Review of 12th N. Y. at armory.
Feb. 17.—Mounted tournament Troop A, N. Y., at armory.
Feb. 21.—Annual ball of the Non-Commissioned Officers' Association 13th N. Y., at armory.

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OREGON.

A STATE Military Board has been in session at Portland to provide proper regulations for the government of a State military force. Those submitted for adoption are based upon the Army Regulations, and made applicable to the militia of Oregon. They provide for the government of the Service in every particular, including Court-martials and the systematic conduct of the staff departments. At the board meeting in January they will probably be officially adopted.

Among other things under consideration by the military authorities is a State encampment next year.

WISCONSIN.

THE 12th annual convention of the officers of the Wisconsin National Guard will be held under the auspices of the National Guard Association of the State of Wisconsin, at the armory of the Light Horse Squadron, Milwaukee, on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 4 and 5, 1893. The convention promises to be an interesting and instructive one. Papers will be read as follows: "The Advisability and Feasibility of Establishing a Medical Corps in the W. N. G.," Brig. Gen. Nicholas Senn, Surg. Gen., W. N. G.; "National Guard—the Individual, the Company, the Whole," Col. A. F. Caldwell, comdg. 1st Inf., W. N. G.; "The Guard—East and West," Col. Chas. King, W. N. G., retired; "After Fourteen Years," Maj. M. A. Newman, W. N. G., retired; "The Use for Chaplains in the National Guard," Chaplain Jos. Moran, Jr., chaplain 1st Inf., W. N. G.; "Signalling," 1st Lt. A. J. Klupak, Co. D, 4th Inf., W. N. G.; "Drill," 2d Lt. Chas. H. Tripp, Co. E, 2d Inf., W. N. G.; "Rifle Competitions," Col. T. W. Goldin, W. N. G., retired.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

TENNESSEE NATIONAL GUARD.

TENNESSEE is doing good work with her National Guard The 1st Regiment is from Middle Tennessee, headquarters at Nashville; the 2d Regiment is from West Tennessee, headquarters at Memphis; the 3d Regiment is from East Tennessee, headquarters at Chattanooga; one battery of artillery, headquarters at Nashville. Cos. C, D, E and F, of the 1st Regiment, are at Nashville. These companies have rented a building for an armory, have it well fitted up, and meet (each company) two evenings every week for drill. Cos. C, Capt. Bayles; D, Capt. Cheatham (the Southern Guards), and E, Capt. Hindman (the Hindman Rifles), are having a series of battalion drills. These three companies are composed of the very best young men in Nashville, and a better drilled, set up, or disciplined battalion is seldom seen among the militia in any State. Co. A, 2d Regt., Capt. Kyle (the Chickasaw Guards), of Memphis, is another crack company.

Tennessee has a standing army of 4 officers and 125 men at Fort Anderson, near Coal Creek, guarding convicts in the coal mines. This force, under the command of Capt. Kellar Anderson, has been in the field since last January. A company is also stationed at Oliver Springs under the command of Capt. George Brown. Capt. Ward, 16th U. S. Inf., is now engaged in inspecting, drilling and instructing the National Guard throughout the State. D.

In his report to Brig.-Gen. H. H. Norman, A. G. of Tennessee, dated A. G. O., State of Tennessee, Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 10, 1892, Capt. Henry C. Ward, 16th U. S. Inf., says:

It was soon understood that the necessity and expense of bringing the different companies and organizations together was for the purpose of hard and laborious work and study, and every officer and soldier seemed to make every effort to accomplish as much as possible during the time.

The troops were all well fed from one general mess, and I must state that credit is due to Major Harry Allen, brigade quartermaster, and Major R. W. Harris, brigade commissary, for their skilful management of this important branch. Every detail was looked after very carefully, from the beginning to the end of the encampment. The food was good and wholesome and well cooked; officers and men fared alike. The large pavilion was used for the mess hall, and at night the mess tables and benches were removed, and the hall used for dancing and recreation until taps (11 P. M.) The Medical Department was systematically managed, all supplies needful were kept on hand, the few cases of sickness, wounds and injuries were promptly attended to.

Guard mounting after the first few days was performed in accordance with existing orders and regulations on the subject. The sentinels were generally well posted and their duties performed fairly well. A flagstaff was erected at brigade headquarters and the flag properly raised and lowered, with the firing of the morning and evening gun.

The sanitary condition of the camp was not, in my opinion, what it should have been. There should have been more sinks and a daily system of policing, and cleaning the entire camp and surroundings; however, this matter was greatly improved during the latter days of the encampment. The health of the troops, sanitary condition, and cleanliness of military camps should be among the first considerations.

The companies were poorly provided with necessary camp and field outfit and equipments, such as knapsacks, have rsacks, canteens, leggins, overcoats. I am informed there was a scarcity of these articles in the State. Plenty of tents and good mattrasses were provided for all.

The last day in camp was devoted to a sham battle. The troops were about equally divided on each side, each having a section of artillery supported by infantry, all under the direct supervision of the brigadier-general commanding; this was instructive as well as interesting.

Camp was broken the following day, June 19, and I believe the ten days' experience, to both officers and men, was beneficial and instructive, and it being the first time the troops of the State were encamped together for a school of instruction, everything, of course, was crude, and it took time and patience to get things systematically arranged and in working order.

The discipline of the troops throughout the encampment was very good. The officers showed their qualifications for handling and caring for their men, and I believe this brigade will make a good record at its next encampment.

The battery of artillery was ably handled and cared for by its soldierly captain, and the organization is a credit to the State.

During the month of August following the encampment I received, on my own application, telegraphic orders from the Adjutant-General of the State, to report in person to Gen. Carnes at Coal Creek. There I found most of the National Guard of the State, and the report of this affair will probably be made in full by the Adjutant-General, but I beg to state that here was shown the benefit of the instruction, drill, training and discipline the troops had undergone at their encampment during the summer. The deprivations and hardships were willingly and cheerfully borne by all, and Tennessee ought to feel proud of the work accomplished by its citizen soldiers during the months of August and September.

The newspaper reports, or the reports of the press of the country, in regard to the situation and the condition of affairs at Coal Creek seemed to me to be more or less sensational.

I was most cordially treated by all the members of the National Guard while with them in camp and field, and am under obligations to Brig.-Gen. Carnes and his staff, the colonels of regiments and their officers, for favors and courtesies extended to me. It was indeed a pleasure to serve with such agreeable officers and gentlemen.

VARIOUS.

Lieut.-Col. Henry L. Turner, 1st Inf., Ill. N. G., an officer widely and favorably known, has resigned on account of business.

The review of the 8th N. Y. by Mayor Boody, of Brooklyn, will be held at the armory on Jan. 19, instead of on the dates previously announced.

A review of the 23d N. Y., Col. Partridge, will be held at the armory Jan. 14. Col. Everdell, the first colonel of the regiment, will be reviewing officer.

The regimental staff of the 23d N. Y., to be held at the armory Dec. 31, promises to be a very interesting entertainment. It is entitled "A Trip to Buffalo."

The office of General Inspector of Rifle Practice of New York, B. M. Whitlock, has been removed to 19 Union Square (West), Room 53, to which all official communications should be sent.

The 1st N. Y. Battery Cadet Company had its second annual mounted battery, sabre and broadsword drill at Wendel's Assembly Rooms on Dec. 25. The boys went through the manœuvres of the battery drill very creditably. Capt. J. J. Connell was in command of the battery. The hop which followed the drill lasted until morning.

Adjt.-Gen. Ember, of Connecticut, announces the following as the figures of merit of each organization of the Connecticut National Guard for the month of November, 1892, based on the drill reports for the month: 1st Regiment, 9.124; 2d Regiment, 94.80; 3d Regiment, 86.63; 4th Regiment, 87.68. Separate Companies—1st, 75.51; 2d, 76.12. Battery A, 79 62. The publication of this order has been delayed by reason of non-receipt of correct drill report for month of November from Capt. John Gutt, Co. B, 2d Regt.

A State Board of Examination for certain officers of the New York Guard has been appointed. This board will meet at the 12th Regt. armory Jan. 10, and consists of Brig. Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, 1st Brigade; Brigadier General R. S. Oliver, 3d Brigade; Colonel Samuel M. Welch, 65th Regt.; Col. John N. Partridge, 23d Regt., and Maj. H. P. Stackpole, 10th Batt. The composition of this board is such as to insure action for the best interest of the Service. An officer of the 12th and two from the 69th Regt., it is rumored, are among those to appear for examination.

Sergt. Charles W. Blackburne, Signal Corps, 2d Brigade, N. Y., has been promoted to the position of assistant signal officer of the brigade. He will have the rank of 1st lieutenant. He enlisted in the corps on June 8, 1885, being the first man to do so, and since that time he has been present at all of its roll calls. He won the medal presented by Gen. Molineux in 1886 to the best signalman of the 2d Division with a per centage of 99.35. For five years he has qualified as a "very accurate signalman," with a percentage of accuracy of 100 per cent. His promotion will enable him to be of much more value to the service to which he is so devoted.

The anniversary day of the Utica Citizens' Corps, 44th Sep. Co., N. Y., Capt. L. E. Goodier, of Utica, celebrated on Dec. 20, was one long to be remembered by the members of the active and veteran organizations. Five years ago when the organization reached the semi-centennial of its existence, it was observed in a very fitting manner, and on Dec. 20 the fifty-fifth anniversary was celebrated by a parade in the afternoon and a commemoration banquet in the evening. The celebration added a memorable link to the past successes of the organization and its achievements of the future. Among the speakers were Capt. Bagg, who had as an old member served 20 years; the Rev. W. B. Coleman, chaplain of the company, and Lieut. W. W. Wotherspoon, U. S. Army.

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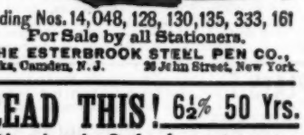
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The 1st Battalion, 71st N. Y., in command of Maj. Downes, will be reviewed at the armory Jan. 24.

Gen. Louis Fitzgerald, 1st Brigade, N.Y., has been granted leave of absence for a month, during which time Col. James Cavanagh, 69th Regt., is in command of the brigade.

Capt. Albert Gallup, Signal Officer, 1st Brigade, N. Y., and one of the Board of Park Commissioners, died at his home in New York City on the morning of Dec. 24, of pneumonia. Capt. Gallup was a most courteous gentleman and very energetic in whatever work he undertook. He was highly esteemed. The funeral took place from Grace Church, Broadway and 10th street, at 9.30 o'clock Tuesday morning, Dec. 27. The interment was at Providence, R. I. A detachment from Co. E, 22d Regt., in command of Capt. Thurston, and a detachment of the Signal Corps, in command of Lt. Ives, were among those escorting the remains. Gen. Louis Fitzgerald and staff and many other officers of the Guard were present at the services, which were performed by Bishop Potter and the Rev. Dr. Huntington, assisted by the Rev. George H. Bottome. After the services in the church the remains were escorted to the Grand Central Depot. The pall bearers were Mayor Grant, Wm. C. Whitney, C. Murray Young, J. May Dunne, Major Paul Dana, Randolph Haug, J. C. Turnbull, Jr., Dr. Mott, H. E. Hoppen and Lewis Edwards.

NAVAL BATTALIONS.

Connecticut.—A company of Naval Militia has been organized at New Haven. A bill will be presented to the State Legislature to include the company in the State force and asking for the necessary appropriation for its support. The battalion will meanwhile drill regularly at the Union Armory. Adjt.-Gen. Embler is said to be interested in the new company. F. P. Lewis has been chosen president, and W. J. Lum secretary and treasurer.

New York.—The annual inspection and muster of the two divisions at Rochester took place at the State Arsenal Dec. 22 by Gen. McGrath. The first division, in command of Lt. Angle, mustered 56 officers and men, and the second division, Lt. Walbridge, mustered 42. There were no absentees and both divisions, which are composed of a very fine body of men, made a very creditable showing.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FORT KEOGH, MONT.

CAPT. THORNE met with quite a painful accident Dec. 23. He tripped and fell over a chair, breaking the femor near the hip joint. He is doing as well as could be expected.

Capt. Ketchum has gone on a three months' leave to be spent in Chicago and New York State.

Lieut. Patten leaves to report to the Supt. Rect'g Service, for a special detail of two years at David's Island.

Capt. Cooper's Troop, 10th Cav., will arrive from Custer early in January. Mrs. Cooper and Miss Cooper have already arrived. A complimentary hop was given to the latter Dec. 22.

Col. Swaine has gone on a three months leave to be spent in California.

Lieut Marshall has already succeeded in enlisting eleven additional Cheyenne soldiers. X. X. X.

(Correspondence of the Army and Navy Journal.)

FESTIVITIES AT FORT ASSINNIBOINE.

FORT ASSINNIBOINE, Dec. 20, 1892.

COL. AND MRS. MILES'S quarters at Fort Assinniboine on the evening of Dec. 19 was a scene of beauty and brilliancy. Their charming daughter, Miss Lilian Miles, made her debut, and never did a fairer or happier debutante grace such an occasion. Mrs. Miles, Miss Miles and the colonel received the guests, and after the reception refreshments were served. Mrs. Major Byrne, Mrs. Irons, Mrs. Morrison and Mrs. Moon presiding at different tables. Choice hot-house flowers and plants formed the principal decorations, which were in white and yellow—infantry and cavalry colors. The decorations of the entire house were artistically beautiful. Miss Miles was dressed in pure white and carried an exquisite bouquet of white rosebuds.

Following the reception was a cotillion given at the post hall, which was beautifully decorated by Capt. Reynolds, one of the most popular officers of our Army. In addition to flags, evergreens and holly were used as suggestive of near approaching holiday season. The cotillion was led by Lieut. Hale and Mrs. Irons, and many novel and attractive features were introduced.

The favor tables were presided over by Mrs. Moylan and Mrs. McCaskey. The favors were numerous and decidedly military. Gen. and Mrs. Merritt sent Miss Miles a beautiful set from St. Paul. Many notes of congratulation were received, and this event will always be remembered with much pleasure.

The following were present: Col., Mrs. and Miss Miles; Col. Burt, from Fort Missoula; Major Wint, from Fort Buford; Major Norvell, from Fort Keogh; Capt. Anderson, from Fort Yellowstone; Major and Mrs. Moylan, Major and Mrs. Byrne, Dr. and Mrs. Woodruff, Capt. and Mrs. Reynolds, Capt. and Mrs. Coe, Capt. and Mrs. McCaskey, Chaplain and Mrs. Bateman, Capt. Hamner, Capt. and Miss Rodman, Capt. and Mrs. Nordstrom, Dr. and Mrs. Adams, Lt. and Mrs. Irons, Lt. and Mrs. Hale, Lt. Chase, Lt. and Mrs. Niskern, Lt. and Mrs. Gerhardt, Lt. and Mrs. Morrison, Lt. and Mrs. Rogers, Lt. and Mrs. Alvord, Lt. and Mrs. Bigelow, Lt. and Mrs. Sharp, Lt. and Mrs. Moon, Lt. Chapman, Lt. Wood, Lt. Mearns and Mr. McCaskey. Many beautiful dresses were worn on this occasion.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

W.—You stand No. 10 on Commissary Sergeant list.

J. C. W. asks: Can a soldier use his retained pay towards the purchase of his discharge? ANS.—Yes.

R.—The name of the Chilian Minister of War is Francisco A. Pinta, and his address is Santiago, Chili.

C.—The British Secretary of State for War receives $35,000 a year and the First Lord of the Admiralty $22,500.

Old Soldier.—A site for the new military post to be established near Helena, Mont., has been selected, and the post is to be called Fort Harrison. The pay of a Columbian guard is $60 per month.

Jefferson Volunteer asks where he can get a book of instructions, etc., for non-commissioned officers. ANS.—If you refer to instruction in drill, we can furnish you with the new official Drill Regulations, 30 cents per copy.

Medicus asks: Would Senator Proctor's bill to establish companies of Hospital Corps upon same military status as companies of infantry and assigning medical officers to command them, give said medical officers command over line officers in case former happened to be senior? ANS.—Not at all.

Ormsby.—It would be better to try and straighten out the matter of your age *now*. As your record as a soldier is excellent, we are of opinion you would experience no difficulty. The military authorities are always willing to encourage by all means in their power soldiers of approved merit and service. The matter of age being straightened out, then you would be eligible for promotion, as you indicate.

Secretary.—The temporary absence from a post of all of its commissioned officers would not be likely to call for the placing of any subordinate, non-commissioned, in *command*. Each class would, for the time being, run along in its proper sphere of duty. Garrisoned permanent posts are seldom, if ever, left without one commissioned officer. If the officer of the day should order the sergeant of the guard to take the reports of first sergeants at retreat call, the sergeant would doubtless obey, but few, if any, officers of the day would give such an order, as, if found out, there would be the deuce and all to pay.

T. B.—There is no harm in your *applying* for your discharge under the "Veteran Act" while on furlough, but send the application through your company commander. Whether you will get it or not is another thing. If you have been a faithful and well-behaved soldier, and can prove that the discharge, if granted, will be to your material benefit, the chances are that you will secure it.

W. H. S. asks: 1. Is it proper when at a present to execute exercises in the School of the Soldier or Manual, except to carry arms? ANS.—No.

2. If an officer gives an order that is not correct (for instance, commands right, dress; forward, march; without giving front), is it the soldier's duty to obey on all occasions? ANS.—He should stand fast. Wrong commands are sometimes given as tests.

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BIRTHS.

FOSTER.—In Portsmouth, N. H., Dec. 26, to the wife of Paymaster Joseph Foster, U. S. Navy, a daughter.

MALLORY.—At San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 17, to Lieutenant and Mrs. John S. Mallory, 2d U. S. Infantry, a son—HENRY REED MALLORY.

MARRIED.

BARRACK—JONES.—At Washington, D. C., December 14, Mr. WILLIAM A. BARRACK to Miss KATIE JONES, adopted daughter of Captain Frederick Whyte, U. S. A., retired.

WALKER—ELLIOTT.—At Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 28, Mr. FREDERICK WILLIAM WALKER, formerly of the A. G. O., Headquarters Department of the East, to Miss LOTTIE ELLIOTT.

DIED.

BAKER.—At Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 23, Captain JOHN G. BAKER, U. S. Revenue Marine.

BERNARD.—At Fort Robinson, Neb., Dec. 24, Mrs. BERNARD, wife of Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. Bernard, 9th U. S. Cavalry.

CLARK.—Near Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 24, Pay Director AMBROSE J. CLARK, U. S. Navy.

COLLIER.—At Hagerstown, Md., Dec. 23, Lieut.-Colonel GEORGE W. COLLIER, U. S. Marine Corps, retired.

DENT.—At Denver, Col., Dec. 24, Brevet Brigadier General FREDERICK TRACY DENT, Colonel, U. S. A., retired.

CATLIN.—At Washington, D. C., Dec. 27, of diphtheria, ANNA MAY, second daughter of Lieutenant and Mrs. E. H. Catlin, 2d Artillery, aged 8 years and 11 months.

GUEST.—At New York City, Dec. 24, JAMES BANKHEAD GUEST, grandson of the late General James Bankhead, U. S. Army.

HARVEY.—At Crawford, Miss., Dec. 26, after a long illness, Surgeon HENRY P. HARVEY, U. S. Navy.

KARGE.—Suddenly, Dec. 27, near the Astor House, New York City, JOSEPH KARGE, Professor of Continental Languages and Literature in the College of New Jersey at Princeton, and formerly an officer of the U. S. Army and Brevet Brigadier-General of Volunteers.

NASH.—At Huntington, West Va., December 15, aged 86, CYNTHIA S. NASH, mother of Major W. H. Nash, Commissary of Subsistence, U. S. Army.

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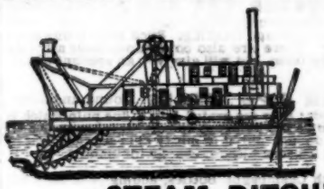

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